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## CHINA'S RAILWAYS.

### HOW THEY ARE BEING RUINED.

The following is one of several very striking and forceful leading articles which have been appearing daily in the *Peking Daily News*, a Chinese organ printed in English:—

The seriousness of the situation confronting the Government as the Chinese New Year settlement approaches is known to a few but not realised by many. Superintendent Lu Chung Lin is taking time by the forelock and is warning the police to "be patriotic, suffer hunger, and endure hardships." The warning is necessary, for it is an unfortunate fact that these guardians of the peace of the city may find themselves without any pay at all when pay day arrives, and may be faced by increased hunger and hardship. The police have not been paid for a long time, and yet upon them the populace depends for protection against criminals and against the hungry. A hungry man, like a starving dog, knows no law in the sight of food, and there lies the danger. The Government is doing its best to raise money sufficient to pay the police and the civil servants, particularly the lower ranks, but the prospects are not bright.

That such a position should arise in this country where the commercial people and the producers are always at work despite continuous colossal obstruction is a sad commentary upon the methods of government that have been in vogue. In reality there has been only misgovernment, and the blame for that fact is not upon the shoulders of the present incumbents of office. They are merely reaping the whirlwind which their predecessors so recklessly sowed. Instead of revenues coming into the Treasury they have been going into the pockets of militarists and others who have had no concern for the welfare of their country. For years we have been confronted with difficulties as the New Year approached, but never were conditions as bad as they are now. Once upon a time, it seems almost like a dream, revenues were coming in from the railways which surpassed the revenues derivable from railways of equal length in other parts of the world. Now no money comes in at all. The railways are on the eve of complete breakdown, and it should not be long before what is left of the rolling stock for commercial purposes ceases to run entirely. Most of the engines and locomotives on all lines are in the hands of the militarists, and depreciation has been rapid and ruinous. Few locomotives are fit to run, and great numbers are packed away in sheds or in yards, damaged beyond repair; or that can only be repaired at great expense of money and time. As revenue earners the lines are out of action. A few trains connect Peking and Tientsin, but elsewhere the producers and the consumers get no benefit out of them. Millions of tons of produce are being ruined for lack of transportation; business that has depended upon railway transportation has practically ceased, while mines have closed and industrial enterprises have shut their doors, causing gigantic losses to farmers, merchants, and others who have depended upon the marketing and making of goods for a livelihood. Spread over the country the losses must be tremendous and beyond calculation, the effect being worse than the cost of a great war. Yet what is it all for? The tillers of the soil, the manufacturers and the merchants are brought to bankruptcy by the selfish acts of conscienceless militarists in seizing the railways, and the Government is driven to a similar fate by cessation of revenues, the exhaustion of credit, and the dissipation of all securities. Tens of millions of past days live in luxury, while people face ruin. Militarists of today are so blind that they cannot see that they would get more revenue, since they have the power to steal it, if they would only allow the railways to be run on a commercial basis. They have killed the goose that lays the golden egg both for themselves and the people, and all that remains now is to give the bird a decent burial, though probably its pitiful corpse will be allowed to bleach in the sun.

Surely it is time for the merchants, the farmers, and those with vested interests, to say nothing of the official class who cannot secure their salaries and the people, to demonstrate their exhausted patience in a united demand for restoration of the railways to competent operators before it is too late! Surely the spirit of the people is not entirely dead; surely if students can raise a clamour about things of which they know nothing, their elders can legitimately face the country with a spirit of unity to demand the cessation of military movements which do nothing but the killing of soldiers of this so-called Republic and the dragging down to degradation of vast masses of innocent people! A sturdy stand now; a determined refusal to pay taxes; a boycotting of all who are against progressive government, should awaken the militarists to a sense of their responsibilities. And if the Kuomintang, which call itself the people's army, could take the lead in this respect something could be accomplished to save the country from its last perilous fall. It is over the edge of the precipice now, but is hanging on by a hair. Is it to have the final push over within the next few weeks or are the people going to drag it back before it is too late? Salvation rests solely with the people; for the militarists have proven themselves to be devoid of all sense of patriotism and responsibility. General Lu is to be commended for warning the police of possible difficulties, but his warning will be of no avail unless it is followed by drastic measures for relief. Patriotism, like charity, begins at home, and the inspired fanatic yells against so-called imperialism is just so much hypocrisy. It is time for the Chinese students to be honest with themselves and to realise the fate that confronts their country. They have now an opportunity to show what patriotism is, and we can tell them it is not the thing inspired by the Soviets.

## THE CORONATION IN SIAM.

### THE CEREMONIES.

The *Bangkok Times* translates from the programme the following details in connection with the coronation next week of H.M. the King of Siam:—

At 1 p.m. on the 24th inst. His Majesty the King, wearing the Coronation Robes, and the gold chains of several exalted Orders, will take his seat on the throne within the curtain in the Amarindra Hall, under the great white umbrella of state. After the King has placed the crown on his head, the curtain will open, and due homage will be paid by all present. Deputy-General Phya Raja Manu will present an offering of wax and gold flowers; and the music which has accompanied each decisive step in the rite will be repeated. There will be assembled in the Hall the Princes of the Royal House, Ministers and higher officials, with the Chiefs of Diplomatic Missions in addition. His Royal Highness Prince Bhanurangsai will read an address in the terms of ancient usage, congratulating His Majesty and expressing loyalty and devotion. The King will reply, and Prince Bhanurangsai will express the respect with which the assembly receives His Majesty's commands. The curtain will then close while homage is being again paid to His Majesty.

Removing his crown the King will then leave the throne and proceed to the Baisai Daksin Hall where the ladies of the Royal Family will be assembled. When the King is seated on the throne, the Lord Privy Seal will read the proclamation promoting Her Majesty the Queen to the rank of Somdech Phra Nang Chao Phra Borom-Rajini. His Majesty will present the insignia of the rank, and the customary music will follow. Thereafter Her Royal Highness Princess Nohaborn Prabha, and aunt of the King, will read an address and the King will reply. The King and Queen will grant boon and will proceed together to the Boroma Bimach hall.

That does not by any means end the King's duties on this day. At 4 p.m. His Majesty in his Coronation robes and wearing the crown will be borne out through the Biman Jaysri gate, and along by the side of the Sahadaya Samagom hall to the Temple of the Emerald Buddha, changing the crown for other royal headgear at one stage in the progress. Offerings of gilt and silvered candles and gold and silver flowers will be made before the Emerald Image and before the great Phra Buddha Yot Fa and Phra Buddha Loos La. A chapter of 90 Lord High Abbots will be present, presided over by the Prince Patriarch, and the rites customary on the occasion will be proceeded with. The King will next be borne to the Hall of Dusit and there with Her Majesty the Queen will do reverence before the gold caskets containing the relics of the first five Kings of the dynasty, of the father of King Rama I., and of the late Queen Mother and before the Urn containing the remains of His late Majesty. Robes and cloths will thereafter be laid down for the Sata-pakarana rite in which the 90 High Abbots will participate. The rite of passing lighted candles will take place in the Amarindra Hall at 8 p.m. At 9.51 is the auspicious time to retire. There will be music, and the three things which mark the occasion will be presented by Queen Savang Vadhana, Queen Sukhumal Marasi, and Thao Voragananant. These three things are the tail of a white elephant to be used as a banner, a blossom of a betelnut tree in gold, and a gold key. The two Queens will next give His Majesty their blessing and the King will lie down on the royal couch at the auspicious hour.

On the 25th inst. at 4 p.m. His Majesty will receive the Diplomatic and Consular Corps in the Chakri throne hall. The Doyen will read an address and the King will reply. At 5 p.m. the ladies of the Royal Family and wives of officials will have an opportunity of presenting to His Majesty flowers, candles and scent in the Baisai Hall; and the Princes and officials, in the Amarindra Hall. Promotions will be made in the ranks of the priesthood and a service will follow, with sermon.

On the 27th inst. at 5 p.m. there will be further opportunity of presenting flowers, candles and scent, and a service will follow with sermon.

## ENRICHMENT OF CANADA.

### SIR JOHN AIRD'S REVIEW OF 1925.

Sir John Aird, the President of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, points out that there is plenty of money available to finance new undertakings needed for the development of the Dominion.

The earnings of the Canadian National Railways, according to his statement, increased during the year by \$35,000,000 (\$7,000,000). Manufacturers in nearly all lines, merchants, and commercial houses reduced their indebtedness to an extent impossible during recent years. All bank statements show a great reduction in commercial loans and a corresponding increase in investments in stocks and bonds.

This autumn more grain was shipped out of the country and paid for than ever before in the history of the Dominion. This means that approximately \$125,000,000 (\$25,000,000) was needed to carry the grain business over the winter, were released for general business purposes. The large implement concerns have made huge reductions in their indebtedness to the banks, and this is also true of other branches of manufacturing and business in general.

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### COALOWNERS' PLAN FOR

#### RESTORING TRADE.

#### RETURN TO 8-HOUR DAY.

#### SIR H. SAMUEL'S COMMENTS.

A return to the eight-hour day was the  
main suggestion for the restoration of  
prosperity of the coal-mining industry  
put forward by the Mining Association  
of Great Britain in a memorandum sub-  
mitted last month to the Royal Commis-  
sion on the industry, over which Sir  
Herbert Samuel presides. The associa-  
tion further submitted that the only re-  
maining way in which the economic gap  
between the existing cost of production  
in this country and the ruling world  
prices could be remedied was by a  
reduction in wages costs.

The views of the owners, as embodied  
in the memorandum, were supplemented  
by evidence given by Mr. Evan Williams,  
the president, and Mr. W. A. Lee, the  
secretary of the association, and in inter-  
rogating Mr. Williams Sir Herbert  
Samuel summed up the suggestions put  
forward on behalf of the association in  
the following question:

Your proposals generally would stand  
thus:  
That the miners are required to work  
an additional hour without any extra  
remuneration directly.  
That wages would have to be reduced  
in districts varying from small amounts  
in South Wales of 6d. a week up to  
5s. and 6s. a week in some of the more  
important districts, and rising to over  
15s. in Lancashire and Cheshire;  
That the owners would have to effect  
a reduction of 10 per cent. on other costs;  
That the railway rates would have to  
be reduced by 25 per cent.;  
That we should have to contemplate the  
immediate, if temporary, dismissal of  
100,000 men; and  
That at the end of this industry  
would be earning no profits, but would  
be run on a loss of 3d. a ton.

Mr. Williams: Well, the position that  
would have to be faced at the end of  
April would probably be worse than is  
shown here. Under the seven-hour day  
it is absolutely hopeless to maintain the  
industry.

#### OTHER PROPOSALS BY OWNERS.

The proposals of the owners with  
regard to other important questions  
were:  
Wages Settlements.—Negotiation in the  
districts, instead of nationally.  
Compulsory Grouping.—Not a prac-  
tical proposition.  
Royalties.—No change ought to be  
made.  
Profit Sharing.—It was very desirable  
to identify the worker with the success  
of the concern, but the association had  
nothing in the nature of a scheme.

### SHANGHAI'S EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES.

#### TOTAL OF SEVEN MILLIONS GOLD FOR JANUARY.

The following is a summary of tables  
prepared by Mr. Edwin S. Cunningham,  
U.S. Consul-General at Shanghai of the  
values of declared exports from Shanghai  
to the United States during the month  
of January:—

	Values Jan. 1926. G.
Group 0: Animal and animal products, except wool and hair	1,106,729
Group 1: Vegetable food products, oil seeds, expressed oils and beverages	39,631
Group 2: Other vegetable products, ex- cept fibres and wood	5,258
Group 3: Textiles	5,583,460
Group 4: Wood and paper	10,101
Group 5: Non-metallic minerals	9,749
Group 6: Ores, metals and manufactures, except machinery and vehicles	57,013
Group 7: Machinery and vehicles	—
Group 8: Chemicals	3,506
Group 9: Miscellaneous	255,859
Total	U.S. \$7,071,396

### EXCHANGE RATES.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

Rugby, February 18th

To-day's exchange rates are as follows:

Paris	133.9
New York	4.86
Brussels	107
Geneva	25.25
Amsterdam	12.13
Milan	120.65
Berlin	20.42
Stockholm	18.17
Copenhagen	18.76
Oslo	23.27
Vienna	34.55
Prague	164
Helsingfors	183
Madrid	34.42
Lisbon	24
Rio	7 5/16
Buenos Aires	45
Bombay	1/6
Shanghai	3/0
Hongkong	2/4
Yokohama	1/10
Silver	30

### HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

#### CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

FEBRUARY 18TH, 1926.

Hongkong Bank	\$1,050 buy.
Do. London	2120 nom.
Chartered Bank	2314 nom.
Mercantile Bank, A. & S.	2394 nom.
Do. C.	2114 nom.
P. & O. Bank	234 nom.
East Asiatic Bank	238 nom.
Canton Insurance	\$285 buy.
China Underwriters	\$3 nom.
North China Insurance	Tls. 145 nom.
Union Insurance	\$285 buy.
Yangtze Insurance	\$40 buy.
China Fire Insurance	\$185 buy.
Hongkong Fire Insurance	\$235 buy.
Douglas	\$30 sel.
H.K. & M. Steamships	\$191 buy, 21 sel.
Hongkong Trading	\$31 sel.
Indo-China (Ind.)	\$38 nom.
Do. (Def.)	\$30 sel.
Shell Transport	\$23 buy.
Star Fernes	\$33 buy.
Waterboats	\$16 buy.
Oriental Navigations	\$250 nom.
China Sugar	\$35 buy.
Malayan Sugars	\$39 sel.
Benguet	\$14 nom.
Kailash Mining Ad.	\$47 buy.
Langkat (combined)	Tls. 23 buy.
Do. (single)	Tls. 18 nom.
Shanghai Explorations	Tls. 5 nom.
Shanghai Loans	Tls. 7 nom.
Bauha	Tls. 5 buy.
Tronoh Mines	\$55 nom.
Ural Caspian	\$7 nom.
H.K. & K. Wharf	\$123 buy.
H.K. & W. Docks	\$52 buy.
Hongkong	Tls. 153 buy.
New Engineering	Tls. 7 nom.
Shanghai Docks	Tls. 108 sel.
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$81 buy.
Hongkong Lands	\$33 buy, 62/64 sa.
Hongkong Realty (a.p.)	\$5 nom.
H.K. Territories (a.p.)	\$6 nom.
Humphreys Estates	\$181 sa.
Prince's Buildings	\$120 sel.
Rural Lands	\$7 sel.
Ewo Cottons	Tls. 9 buy.
Oriental	Tls. 3 nom.
Shanghai Cottons (old)	Tls. 53 sel.
Do. (new)	Tls. 27 sel.
Amusements	\$11 buy.
Canton Lops	\$71 nom.
Cements (combined)	\$14 sel.
Do. (old)	\$13 nom.
Do. (new)	\$23 nom.
China Buses	Tls. 104 buy.
China Lights (combined)	\$14 buy.
Do. (old)	\$10 buy, 11 sel.
Do. (new)	\$18 buy.
China Freights	\$71 nom.
Constructions	\$110 buy.
Dairy Farms	\$15 buy.
Der A. Wing (a.p.)	\$10 nom.
Hongkong Electric	\$54 buy, & sa.
Macao Electric	\$40 nom.
H.K. Developments	25 cts. nom.
H.K. Bopes (combined)	\$40 sel.
Do. (old)	\$134 nom.
Do. (new)	\$82 nom.
Hongkong Tramways	\$22 buy, & sa.
Lease Crawford	\$12 nom.
Mackintosh	\$214 nom.
Peak Trams (old)	\$17 buy.
Do. (new) (a.p.)	\$7 nom.
Sincere	\$11 sel.
Thais	\$1 sel.
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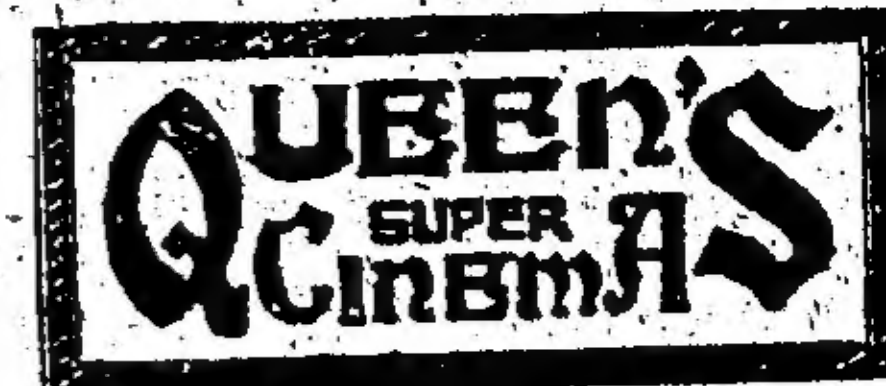
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**Hongkong Weekly Press.**

THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS, PUBLISHED TO-DAY, CONTAINS A FULL ACCOUNT OF THE INTER-PORT GOLF MATCHES AND THE REPORT OF THE FAREWELL DINNER TO THE VISITING PLAYERS.

In this issue, also, appears the report of the first steeple-chases held under the auspices of the Fanling Hunt.

The people at Home may imagine we are depressed by dull business. It will be well to let them know how the Colony enjoyed itself during the Chinese New Year holidays.

The various reports of local companies will also be read with interest.

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**LOCAL SPORT.**

**FOOTBALL.**

The following games in the Hongkong League are down for decision to-day—

Division II. "A."  
Kick-off 2.45 p.m.  
Kowloon Reserves v. East Surreys  
Drums, Kowloon F.C. ground. Referee: Mr. Gilmour.

Club de Recreo "A" v. East Surreys  
Reserves, Hongkong F.C. ground.  
Referee: Mr. Ferial.

Division II. "B."  
Kick-off 2.45 p.m.  
Kowloon "B" v. St. Joseph's Boarders,  
St. Joseph's ground. Referee: Mr. Sleep.

East Surreys Drums Reserves v. St. Joseph's Reserves, Sookunpoo "B" ground. Referee: Mr. Morfett.  
University v. Moslem Club "A," Sookunpoo "A" ground. Referee: Mr. Austen.

In the absence of South China "A," the East Surreys Reserves should top the "A" division League table with a win against the Recreo "A" on the Club ground.

Kowloon Reserves should manage the maximum points against the Surreys Drums at Kowloon.

Kowloon "B" and the Boarders meet on the College ground. A win for the Boarders is expected.

The Drums Reserves and St. Joseph's Reserves game at Sookunpoo should end in a division of points.

A game that will have a bearing on the championship of the "B" division will be that between the Moslem Club "A" and the University. The Students accounted for the Surreys Drums last week and are expected to win to-day.

**HONGKONG LEAGUE TABLE TO DATE.**

Division I.										
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.	Goals		
Kowloon	10	7	1	2	30	9	15			
H.K. Club	10	6	1	3	11	10	13			
East Surreys	9	5	2	2	23	9	12			
South China	9	5	2	2	10	7	12			
Club de Rec.	10	4	1	5	21	22	6			
R.A.	11	3	3	5	15	23	5			
H.K. Police	11	2	1	8	9	17	5			
H.M.S. Tamar	10	2	1	7	7	28	5			

Division II. "A."										
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.	Goals		
South China	8	7	1	0	15	3	15			
East Surreys	10	6	3	1	34	7	15			
Kowloon	10	6	2	2	24	8	14			
R.A.	11	4	3	4	15	18	12			
St. Joseph's	11	3	3	5	13	30	7			
E.S. Drums	10	2	0	7	13	22	6			
Club de Rec.	10	0	1	9	8	24	1			

Hongkong Club Reserves having withdrawn from the League, their record is erased.

Division II. "B."										
	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.	Goals		
Moslem Club	10	7	0	3	25	10	14			
University	7	5	1	1	28	10	11			
St. Joseph's Res.	5	3	1	1	12	19	11			
South China C.	4	3	1	0	9	4	7			
E.S. Drums Res.	10	2	2	6	13	21	6			
St. Joseph's Boarders	8	2	2	4	11	23	6			
Kowloon "B"	8	0	1	7	6	15	1			

South China "B," Moslem "B" and Club de Recreo "B" having withdrawn from the League, their records are erased.

**CHINESE FOOTBALLERS.**  
To-day the South China A.A. are sending a Hongkong soccer team to Macao. This team includes Hui Shing Lu, Kwok Sin Yan, Lo Wai Man, Choy Ping Fan, Lap Hon-Wing, Mak Kwok Tung, Lau Man Chan So (captain), Ip Kau (manager), Tin Lap Fat, Ko Sik Wai (secretary), Fung Kins Chung, Li Fong, Au Kit Sang, Tang Yap Seung.

**CRICKET.**

**TO-DAY'S GAMES.**

The following games are down for decision to-day—

League I.  
Hongkong C.C. 1st XI v. Royal Artillery on the H.K.C.C. ground.  
Chinese R.C. v. Indian R.C. 1st XI on the Chinese ground.

League II.  
Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI v. University 2nd XI on the Kowloon ground.  
Indian R.C. 2nd XI v. Royal Engineers on the Indian ground, Causeway Bay.

Police R.C. v. Civil Service C.C. "A" on the Police ground, Happy Valley.

Friendly.  
Civil Service C.C. 1st XI v. Royal Navy 1st XI on the Civil Service ground, Happy Valley.

Royal Navy 2nd XI v. Hongkong C.C. 2nd XI on the Navy ground, Happy Valley.

**YACHTING.**

**THE WEEK-END PROGRAMME.**  
There will be two races in connection with the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club this week-end.

To-day a special race has been arranged for the racing yacht, and to-morrow the cruisers will sail their 4th championship race. The cruisers have only one more championship race to sail this season and this is fixed for Sunday, February 28th.

The course for to-morrow's race will be to Lamma Island and back at the Yacht Club mark line, a distance of 25 miles.

**GOLF.**

The only golf at Fanling during this week-end, according to the fixture card, is a bogey pool competition.

**OBITUARY.**

**MR. CRAWFORD D. KERR.**

Another link with the old days in the Far East has been severed by the death, reported from Hyeres, the well-known French winter resort, of Mr. Crawford Davison Kerr. It is a good many years since Mr. Kerr left the East, but he will be remembered by the older generation of Chinese hands, especially, says the *China Express* (London), for his keen interest in the Volunteer movement both in Hongkong and Shanghai, and for his marksmanship at the ranges. He was actually a member of the Committee which in 1865 raised the money and presented the National Rifle Association with the magnificent China Cup trophy, valued at 800 guineas, "from the Volunteers in China to the Volunteers in Great Britain." This trophy is shot for annually at the Bisley meeting. Having been a private in 1860 in the first School Corps to start volunteering, the Eton College Volunteers, it was not unnatural that Mr. Kerr, on arriving in Hongkong in 1863, joined the local Volunteers. The story of how the Cup originated was related by Mr. Kerr in last year's May issue of the "National Rifle Association Journal." Mr. Kerr soon became a non-commissioned officer and was also appointed an extra A.D.C. to Sir Hercules Robinson, the then Governor of the Colony. In addition, he was made the Hon. Secretary of the Corps. The then Commandant was Major Frederick Brine, R.E. A most enthusiastic officer, Major Brine was the originator of the China Cup, and through Mr. Kerr communicated the idea to Shanghai, where it was warmly received. At that time the Northern Corps was commanded by Mr. Robert Antrobus, to whose public spirit Shanghai owes much of its prosperity. Amongst other things, he was the founder of the Shanghai Recreation Fund, which acquired the present cricket ground and racecourse. Mr. Antrobus was backed by Messrs. John Markham, H.B.M. Consul, Edward Webb, Henry Dent, Frank Groom, and others of the officers and men, and a substantial sum was sent down to the Hongkong committee, of which Mr. Kerr was the hon. secretary, and the China Cup was the outcome. The Hongkong Volunteer Corps was disbanded in 1868, when the Garrison in the Colony was increased from home, but the Shanghai Corps continued to flourish and Mr. Kerr joined it in due course. Among his experiences he was called out to assist in the defence of the Settlement during the Boxer trouble of 1900, when the Corps mustered 1,000 strong. The men all received the China medal. In addition to the China medal Mr. Kerr prized the silver medal of the National Rifle Association, which was sent out to be shot for by the Hongkong Volunteers, and which bears on the rim the following inscription: "Sergeant C. D. Kerr, Hongkong Volunteers, December 29th, 1895."

Mr. Kerr, on returning to England, became interested in rubber, being a director of one of the most successful companies, until forced some years ago, owing to advancing years, to give up his connection.

Our London contemporary is indebted to a valued reader for the following further particulars concerning Mr. Kerr:—"At Eton he was the cox of the Eton crew for one or more years. His father was of the same name, Crawford Davison Kerr, and was a partner in Lindsay & Co., a leading Hong in China; his grandfather was also of the same name and was chairman of Lloyd's very many years ago. Crawford was practically the founder of the Country Club at Shanghai, and it was through him that the Council acquired the land for what is now the Hongkew Park. Under a private arrangement with J. L. Scott, who was then Chairman of the Council, he bought the whole of the Park in small lots from the native owners, through a well-known old Chinaman called A. Kew, at very modest prices—two to three thousand taels per mow—at a time when it would have been quite impossible for the Council to buy it at all if it had been known that they were in the market. Of course he did all this work gratuitously. He married Mrs. Kerr 53 years ago last 16th December. I think she was Miss MacVicar, and is a half sister of Lady Dudgeon."

**MR. ERIC M. ROSS.**

A report in a Home paper of the death at sea, at the comparatively early age of 45 years, of Mr. Eric Munro Ross, C.A., a member of the well-known firm of accountants, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews, states that whilst on the voyage home he caught a chill which developed into influenza, from which he appeared to be convalescing, but when the ship reached Marseilles, at which he intended to disembark, he was not so well, and decided to come on to Plymouth. He became worse, and died on the 13th inst., while the vessel was still at sea. The body was sent from Plymouth to the home of the deceased gentleman at Tain, in Ross-shire, Scotland, where the interment took place on January 18th. Mr. Ross was unmarried, and his survivors will be extended, the late Mr. Ross being the last of his sons, two others having been killed during the war.

**SEDITIONARY PAMPHLETS.**

**DISTRIBUTOR SENT TO PRISON.**

Before Mr. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese pleaded guilty to charges of possession, and distributing seditious pamphlets in Shanghai Street on the 15th inst. He also said that they had been given to him by another man. The leaflets related to the strike, and urged a repetition of it.

Sentence of six months was passed on the first charge, and 18 months with hard labour on the second, the sentences to run concurrently.

**THE "TUNGCHOW" PIRATES.**

**HOW THEY WERE CAPTURED.**

In a leading article concerning the sentence of death passed by the Shanghai Mixed Court on four of the men concerned in the piracy of the *Tungchow*, the *N.C. Daily News* says:—

As to how the pirates—those brought before the French Mixed Court—were laid by the heels, to much ought not to be said at the present moment, for the last thing that anybody wishes is to give their co-partners the clue as to how they were arrested. There are others who must be brought to justice before the gang can be described as having even been scotched. We can say this, however, that every credit is due to the shipowners, Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, for the promptitude with which they acted on information received as to the presence of the same pirates on another of their boats. The authorities were instantly put into touch with the situation notified to them, and thereafter the Customs authorities and the French Police—these ships berth on the French Concession Bund—did the rest. Particular praise is due to the French Police for the vigilance displayed in their search for the men. Two or three hundred passengers had to be examined—metaphorically speaking it was a microscopical examination—but the police had left no loophole, thanks to the excellence of their arrangements and the very large staff engaged on the work, and the results fully justified all this effort. The convicted men were readily recognized by officers and passengers of the *Tungchow* who were in Shanghai, and additional corroboration was obtained from Tientsin where photographs had been sent. Accordingly the Court had no difficulty in arriving at its conclusion, and it is conceded on all hands that the work of the French Police has been beyond all praise.

As to the next step in this case. The nest of pirates in Bias Bay has to be rooted out. There is not the slightest question about the place from where these men come, and we believe that it has also been established that the other pirates in which Shanghai is especially interested emanated from this home. Regarding this, one part of the decision of the French Mixed Court is of particular importance, for while four men have been sentenced to death, a fifth has been handed over to the Chinese authorities for further investigation. It should be possible for these authorities to fix the situation of this pirate haunt so exactly that a net, not necessarily very widely spread, should bring them all within its compass. Probably it will require some sort of amphibious operation, but the Chinese have the men and the ships to do it, if only the political influences in that part of the country will give the necessary permission for their use. It is a campaign they ought to undertake primarily for the protection of their own shipping, which has suffered more than any other, at any rate in these more northerly seas, and if this opportunity is missed, the loss of prestige will be considerable. But it must be grasped at once, and all the evidence brought out in the French Court as to the pirate lair be used to immediate advantage. Otherwise the culprits may have moonlighted away.

**HONGKONG NOTE ISSUE.**

**AN INCREASED GOLD DEPOSIT.**

The City was intrigued on January 19th, says the *China Express & Telegraph* by the announcement that the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank had withdrawn six hundred thousand sovereigns for deposit with the Crown Agents for the Colonies against its note issue in the Colony. This is the first transaction of the kind since the re-establishment of the gold basis, and its magnitude created not a little interest. In consequence of the unrest and boycott of the last six months the Bank's Hongkong headquarters has been called up to disburse large sums in cash and also to help the native banks. The Hongkong Bank's authorized note issue of \$30,000,000 includes a fiduciary portion of \$6,666,668, while the remainder must be backed by the deposit of coin and/or securities. Anything in excess of \$30,000,000 must be covered by coin. The coin is reserve is allowed to be lodged with the Crown Agents for the Colonies, so that the present acquisition by them in gold will allow an equivalent expansion in the Bank's note issue. A similar provision allows the Straits Settlements Currency Commissioners to keep part of their funds in coin with the Crown Agents.

**A CANTON STRIKER?**

**ALLEGED POSSESSION OF STRIKER'S BADGE.**

Before Mr. Lindell at the Central Magistracy yesterday, a Chinese was charged with having in his possession a Canton Striker's badge.

Mr. Leo d'Almeida, who defended, asked for a remand.

Sergeant Kellet said that if convicted, defendant was liable to a fine of \$1,000 or one year's imprisonment.

A remand was granted, bail being fixed at \$3,000.

**QUEEN'S THEATRE.**

The Hongkong Amusements, Ltd., are arranging with Amie Maynard of Denishaw fame, who has danced herself into fame throughout the world, to bring direct from Hawaii a company of Royal Hawaiians. They will perform at the Queen's Theatre, as part of the programme for a week commencing March 3rd. There will be no increase in prices and the Company will change their programme with every change of picture.

**CORRESPONDENCE.**

**"FAIR PLAY IS BONNIE PLAY."**

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—As we know that the above saying is always strictly adhered to in your paper, I should like to comment on a report published in the columns of yesterday's edition.

We refer to the article headed "A Hongkong Vagrant"; no regular employment for 12 years.

We are in the position slightly to correct that statement, having known Edward Harris for some little time.

One of us obtained employment for Harris at Canton. He was employed for nearly 15 months, sailing in charge of launches and passenger junks, plying between Canton and Hongmoon.

This position meant that he had to safeguard the craft he was in charge of from pirates and renegade soldiers. To those who know, it is not necessary to emphasize the danger Harris ran while in the execution of his duties. I should think most people would consider this just a little regular employment, and he would still be on this cheerful job but for the recent trouble at Canton.

Another of us while trying to regain a launch for our employers had the pleasure of being seized by soldiers and tied up for five hours.

After this incident Harris still kept on at his job. Isn't there somebody who would like to give Harris a chance?

(Sgd.) TWO EX-SERVICE MEN.

**THE TAXING AUTHORITY IN CHINA.**

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—The native news agencies in Peking at times publish some most amazing truths, amidst the mass of party propaganda they seek to drown each other in. I have taken the trouble, however, to verify the enclosed and your readers may be as much struck with the grotesqueness of the situation as I am. Here we have a number of high foreign officials negotiating with half a dozen frothy idealists who represent no body but themselves, the head of whom, Dr. C. T. Wang, is truthfully reported as going to the present Military Commandant of Peking and asking him to kindly stay the imposition of an entirely illegal tax upon cigarettes (amounting to 30 per cent.) because of the unfortunate effect such will have upon the minds of the tariff and other Delegates here at present, and being told in so many words to mind his own business as the tax must stay.

Could anything be more absurd? How do these bright-minded Foreign Delegates imagine that the obligations laid upon China by the negotiations now in progress will be kept, if the Minister of Foreign Affairs is disobeyed even in Peking itself by a Military Commandant whose tenure of office may last anything from six days to as many years and whose decisions whilst he is in office are entirely his own subjected—in no way—to any higher authority?—Yours faithfully,

FAIRPLAY.

Peking, February 9th, 1926.  
[Our correspondent encloses the following paragraph circulated by the Asiatic News Agency under date, Peking February 17th:]

"With reference to the imposition of the 'consumer's stamp tax' on cigarettes within the 'nine cities' of Peking, Dr. C. T. Wang, Foreign Minister, called on General Lu Chung Lin and impressed upon him the necessity for the cancellation of the tax in view of the Tariff Conference and the presence of the foreign delegates to the extraterritorial commission, who are looking on; but owing to the demand for money to meet the heavy military expenses, the Kuomintang authorities are not in a position to cancel it at the moment. The proceeds of the stamp tax are divided between General Lu's army and the Civil Governor of Peking."

In spite of the protest of the British and other Legations against the tax, the Kuomintang and Tsachenpu are perfectly helpless to face the militarists."

**A RUDE AWAKENING.**

**FLAT RESIDENTS FIND THEIR CLOTHES STOLEN.**

The residents of the top floor, 12, Princess Terrace, off Cause Road, had a surprise yesterday morning, when on rising, and about to don their clothes, they found that their suits, hats, and shirts had disappeared.

The flat is occupied by the manager of the Pioneer Silk Store, and a number of his staff. On Thursday night the doors of the bedrooms were left open, since the atmosphere was somewhat close, and the sleepers desired the benefit of fresh air. Not a sound disturbed the sleepers throughout the night, and they learnt of their loss, only when they awakened yesterday morning.

The thieves must have scrambled along the verandah, which had been reached presumably from the roof. Access was easy owing to the doors being left open.

A number of handkerchiefs, and some documents which were in the pockets of some of the coats were found to have been discarded on the staircase of a neighbouring house.

**WEATHER REPORT.**

Last night's weather report forecast and remarks by the Royal Observatory said:—The anti-cyclone remains stationary over China and a depression is crossing Northern Japan. Fresh monsoon will prevail along the South East Coast of China and over the Northern China Sea. Local forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh, cloudy.



## ENGINEERS' INSTITUTE DINNER.

## H.E. THE GOVERNOR ON RECENT INTIMIDATION.

## PRESENTATION TO MR. J. REID.

In former years the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong have held an annual ball, but in view of existing conditions arising out of the strike and on account of the expense involved in the holding of a ball, it was decided sometime ago by the committee to hold a dinner in place.

This dinner was held last night at the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel and proved very pleasant and enjoyable. The Roof Garden was attractively decorated for the occasion.

An interesting feature of the proceedings was a presentation made to Mr. J. Reid, Manager of the Taikoo Dockyard and Engineering Company, and a very old member of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders of Hongkong, on the occasion of his retirement. This consisted of an illuminated address from the members of the Institution, in which a tribute was paid to Mr. Reid's fifteen years membership of the Institution. He was also presented with a Chinese silver salver, inscribed "Presented to Mr. James Reid, Manager of the Taikoo Dockyard and Engineering Company, as a token of esteem on his retirement, 18th February, 1926."

Mr. B. L. Frost (President of the Institution) was in the chair, and among the guests present were the Hon. President, H.E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.), Mr. J. Reid, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mr. R. M. Dyer (Chief Manager of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company), Mr. H. T. Cressy, Mr. J. S. Gillingham, Mr. J. Ormiston, Commodore A. J. B. Stirling, Mr. R. B. Forster (Private Secretary to H.E. the Governor), Captain Steele (A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor), Captain Pallot, D.S.O., R.N., Engineer-Captain McKinley, R.N., Mr. Allan Cameron (Oriental Manager, C.P.S.), and Mr. M. J. Quigg (Consul for the Netherlands in Hongkong).

During the evening H.E. the Governor paid a high tribute to local Chinese engineers who had shown courage in face of recent threats and attempts at intimidation on the part of the Canton Strike Committee.

## THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.

After the loyal toast had been honoured, the President said:—Your Excellency and Gentlemen.—It is with much pleasure I rise to ask you to drink to the future prosperity of the Engineering and Shipbuilding Industries of Hongkong, coupled with the name of Mr. James Reid, Manager of Taikoo Dockyard & Engineering Co.

It is now 41 years ago since I entered the profession as an apprentice to the electrical and mechanical engineering, and it was five years later that I had my first introduction to shipbuilding, being engaged by Elliott Bros. of London, to fit electric engine room telegraphs, helm indicators and revolution indicators, to the battleship *Superb* at Chatham Dockyard. During the 41 years I was with the firm, I fitted some 24 of H.M. ships at the Naval Yards of Chatham and Portsmouth, and also at J. & G. Thompsons (now John Brown & Co.) at Clydebank and Armstrongs Mitchell's Yard at Newcastle. This work often took me at sea with the fleet, sometimes for one or two months at a time, and I was with the Channel Fleet off Stornoway in June, 1884, after a great storm in the Atlantic when three out of four of the battleships rolled so much that it was impossible to open the main deck batteries. H.M.S.S. *Republie*, *Royal Sovereign*, *Empress of India* and *Resolution* were the ships, and the first named was the only one with bilge keels; she was rolling 11 degrees whilst the roll registered on the *Royal Sovereign* was 47 degrees. Great strides have been made in not only men-of-war, but all kinds of ships since then, and to go down below in one of our latest warships or liners, and compare the engine rooms of to-day with what they were 40 years ago, gives one a good idea as to what the present day engineer requires to know compared with the men of those days.

The Colony has not been backward in the march of progress in engineering and shipbuilding. Chinese owned some mud docks at Whampoa before Hongkong became a British Colony. The P. & O. Company used to dock their ships in those docks, and sent a Mr. John Cooper (then a carpenter in their service) to look after their interests when ships were docked. These docks were later leased to Mr. Cooper, and this was the first start to engineering and shipbuilding in Hongkong. On 1st July, 1883, the Couper Dock and the Locks Dock at Whampoa was taken over on behalf of the Company, and on 11th October, 1888, the present Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. was registered, taking over the original company, so from small beginnings what is now one of the finest equipped shipbuilding and engineering establishments East of Suez, has come into being. In 1909, Mr. R. M. Dyer became Chief Manager, and it is largely due to his untiring energy and foresight that Kowloon Dock is what it is to-day.

In 1908 Taikoo Dockyard Co. was established; the work of building the docks and premises having commenced in 1900. Mr. James Reid has been connected with Taikoo Dock from the time it started working, and now retires as Chief Manager.

Both of these Docks, Kowloon and Taikoo, are monuments to the untiring energy and foresight of the British, and are examples of what may be done with Chinese labour properly handled, for without the Chinese these great undertakings could never have been carried out.

Then there is another yard on the Kowloon side where up-to-date work is also done, that of W. S. Bailey & Co., Ltd. It was started by our old friend, Mr. Bailey, in 1897. He was joined in

99 by Mr. Murphy, a Past President of this Institution who died some years ago. The business was turned into a Limited Liability Co. in 1909 and some years ago, Mr. Mendham, who was formerly with the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., joined Mr. Bailey.

Then there are the numerous Chinese yards, which, with the European owned establishments, go to make up the great engineering and shipbuilding industries of the Colony of which we can be justly proud.

## PRESENTATION TO MR. REID.

Mr. Reid, on behalf of the members of the I. of E. & S. of Hongkong I ask you to accept this address and Chinese silver salver inscribed "Presented to James Reid, Esq., by members as a token of esteem on his retirement 18th February, 1926." You, Sir, as a member and also as a past President of the Institution have always taken a keen interest in its welfare ever giving a helping hand in its management when needed, and it must be a source of gratification to you, Sir, that on leaving the Colony you should have seen the Institution rise to its present prosperous condition. Your name will be placed on the Absent Member List, so that if at any future time you return to the Colony, as we trust you will do, you will rejoin the Institution during your stay, and here I might mention that the Committee have under consideration the acquisition of the premises of the Phoenix Club. We have not been able to do much in the matter to date, as there are many details to be gone into before the scheme can be put before the members, but I trust that in the next few weeks, at any rate before I hand over the Presidency to another, the Institution will be in possession of the whole of the 1st floor of King's Buildings.

The toast was then drunk.

## MR. REID'S REPLY.

Replying, Mr. J. Reid said he felt that this was a stage in his life which he regretted to meet. He had looked forward to many more happy days in Hongkong, but it happened, they knew what families were, that one had to leave the Colony sometime or other. He deeply felt leaving the Institution. He had made many life-long friends. Many had left Hongkong and many had gone to the "long rest." When he came out to the Colony in 1905, as a raw shipbuilder, he thought that Hongkong was an easy place to live in, but he could tell them it had not been a soft job in Hongkong. It had been one of the hardest jobs in the world, but thanks to the assistance he had had from engineers in Hongkong, many of them had helped him and did not know it, his work had been much easier.

After speaking of his early youth, Mr. Reid said he hoped he had benefited from the experience he had gained in Hongkong. Since he had come here the Colony had advanced by leaps and bounds that one could scarcely foresee and he was confident that this Colony could produce ships and engines which were second to none in the world. (Applause.)

Referring to Chinese labour in Hongkong, Mr. Reid said they were at it at times and very often were annoyed with it, but he did not think they would find better labour in the world.

He hoped the Institution would continue as it had done in the past. In conclusion, he returned thanks for the kind expressions passed that evening, and hoped that some day he would come back and find Hongkong even better than it was at present, and also find that shipbuilding industry here had become second to none in the Far East. (Applause.)

## THE HON. PRESIDENT.

The toast "The Hon. President" was entrusted to Mr. R. M. Dyer, who said he welcomed him to the first public meeting they had had of the Institution since he had been elected to the office. He thought that in their Hon. President they had a man who must think about the things so near to the heart of them all. He had spent all his life in the public service and a great portion of it in Hongkong, and he was a gentleman who put all his heart and mind into his work, as every honest man should do, and he (Mr. Dyer) would like to assure His Excellency that the shipbuilding industries in Hongkong had every confidence in him. (Applause.)

He would conclude by wishing him the best of luck in the uphill battle which was his at the present time. (Applause.)

## HIS EXCELLENCY'S PRAISE.

His Excellency the Governor, in the course of his reply, thanked Mr. Dyer very cordially for the way in which he had proposed the toast, and the company for the way in which they had received it, for he needed all the health and strength they could wish him in order that he might surmount the difficulties of his present task.

The engineers and shipbuilders had done their very best for the Colony. The engineers had made the levels around and along the harbour front where they did their daily business and had developed the very wonderful industry of cutting down the hills and throwing them into the sea, which was so very characteristic of Hongkong. They had made the Peak district accessible by tram and roads; they had built the fine edifices in which they lived and had erected them in every nook and cranny in which they could be placed. They had built the walls, docks and railways; and had constructed the telephones and the telegraphs. They had stored up the water in this island of fragrant streams, all for the benefit of their growing population. They had lit the hills by electricity, so that one hardly knew where the lamps ended and the stars began. In a word the engineers had made this barren island beautiful and healthy; while their colleagues, the shipbuilders, had made Hongkong wealthy. For it was the shipping of Hongkong which gave it wealth and importance. He was very glad that evening to be in the company of men whose craft had made Hongkong what it was to-day, and to be their Hon. President. With all his heart he wished

(Continued on next Column.)

## A RUSSIAN ADVISER FOR KWANGSI.

## REPORTED DEMAND OF ARMS AND AMMUNITIONS FROM SOVIET RUSSIA.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

According to a report, the visit to Wuchow of Mr. Wang Ching Wei, chairman of the Political Council, and the recent arrival at Canton of Mr. Pak Sung Hec, plenipotentiary of General Wong Shao Hung of Kwangsi, are intimately related to certain changes in the future administrative policy of the Kwangsi Provincial Government.

It has long been the desire of the Kuomintang Government at Canton to bring the administration of Kwangsi under its complete control and, as a result of the military conference recently held at Wuchow at which the influential Canton military leaders participated, it now appears they have come to certain arrangements whereby the two Governments will hereafter act conjointly in all civil and military affairs.

In pursuance of the reported arrangement a Russian, who has hitherto been acting in an advisory capacity in the Canton Government, has been appointed as High Adviser to the Kwangsi Government, the post ranking on the same level as that of M. Borodin at Canton.

Among other conditions demanded by the Kwangsi General were the contribution of \$200,000 as military expenses and a supply by the Soviet Government of 5,000 infantry rifles, 200,000 rounds of ammunition, and a certain amount of shells for field-guns.

It is anticipated that the new changes will in time bring about some important changes in the Kwangsi Government's administrative policy. But whether the changes will be for the good and welfare of the country and its people or not remains to be seen.

## THE KUOMINTANG SPLIT.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

M. Borodin, Soviet High Commissioner to South China, who left Canton a fortnight ago for North China and Moscow, was accompanied by Mr. Tam Ping Shan, Chinese leader of the Bolshevik clique in Kwangtung Province.

The Kuomintang press agencies admit serious conflicts between the Left, or Right, or anti-Red, sections of the party, and state that one of the objects of the mission is to bring about a reconciliation between these two factions. The pro-Bolshevik section claim that the Red policy in Kwangtung has been a failure.

general success to the engineers and shipbuilders of Hongkong.

## FAILURE TO INTIMIDATE.

His Excellency, continuing, said he wished to avail himself of the opportunity of saying a word of praise and thanks to the Chinese engineers of the Colony of Hongkong. For several days before the Chinese New Year a determined attempt was made by the Canton Strike Committee to persuade the members of the Guild to down tools. They refused to do so, and had behaved with sound common sense. Chinese engineering labour was deserving of special praise and had shown great courage despite, and in the face of threats and attempts of intimidation. They had been taught the worthlessness of Bolshevik propaganda. (Applause.)

The Chinese leader of the local guild and the Guild itself had set a fine example which others had followed. The Chinese New Year had now well begun and the victory over the last attempt of the Canton Strike Committee had been complete. He hoped this marked the beginning of the end of the trouble, which, through no fault of theirs, they had been involved in, and he thought that in these days it was only right and proper that the Engineering Guild should have shown the way. (Applause.)

## THE VISITORS.

Mr. J. Ormiston submitted the toast "The Visitors," and coupled with it the name of the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak. Replying to the toast, the Hon. Mr. Holyoak stated that it had been rightly said that shipping and shipbuilding was the life-blood of the Colony. He did know that in his time in the Colony, from personal observations, he had seen ship after ship launched, one ship succeeding upon the other, with improvement following upon improvement, until the launches that had taken place in the last twelve months would equal any ships that could be built in any part of the world. (Applause.)

He had no hesitation in prophesying that the future of the Colony would be a bright one, and he believed that the present position, due to influences over which they had no control, was mainly times that would pass. He believed that the Colony was destined to be infinitely greater in the next ten years than any of them dreamed of. (Applause.)

Referring to local shipbuilding, Mr. Holyoak said he had seen ships that had been built in both yards that went even beyond the letter of the contract, because the workmen devoted themselves to the defence of the times and the conditions they had to battle with. Consequently, notwithstanding that we had unforeseen conditions to deal with, there had been ships launched from both yards that had surpassed anything ever launched in the previous history of the Colony.

He did not speak as an expert, but he did believe that the days through which they were passing were to be of a very short nature, and that the permanent progress of the Colony had not been interfered with and could not be. He thought that the principles which had made it great remained, and would make it greater still.

In conclusion he thanked them on behalf of the guests for the cordial way in which they had drunk the toast of the visitors.

The company then adjourned to the Institute where an enjoyable smoking-concert took place.

## THE BOYCOTT.

## ANOTHER WINDFALL FOR THE STRIKE COMMITTEE.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The Canton Strike Committee, it is understood, will sell by public auction, instead of through private channels as is usually the case, 2,950 cases of kerosene oil recently imported into Canton by the Yee Chong Chan Firm. It is alleged that the kerosene came from Hongkong and in the eyes of the Strike Committee, those who persist in transacting business with Hongkong are traitors. The consignment will be worth something like \$30,000 to the Strike Committee.

## STRIKERS' NEW YEAR CUMSHAW.

Notwithstanding the frequent seizure of "imperialist" goods and the large proceeds realised from the sale of "enemy property" by the Strike Committee, each striker now being fed by the Committee has to subsist on a ration of 22 cents daily, but for holiday pocket money on Chinese New Year a sum of \$2 each was given.

## THE CANTON SILK TRADE.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The Trade Commissioner in Canton is recommending the opening of a special bank to finance the silk trade, suggesting co-operation between the Government and merchants in sharing the capital. The silk trade is worth something like \$70,000,000 or more a year, exports alone taking from 30,000 to 60,000 bales worth \$1,200 or more each. According to the Commissioner, foreign banks and foreign merchants in Shanghai have practically controlled the trade and influence its price in the past. Since the boycott of Shanghai, the conditions have been somewhat changed. Recently the Canton Municipality recommended the establishment of a Silk Testing House so as to regulate the quality of silk before shipment.

## MORE HAMPERING OF TRADE AT CANTON.

## SENT TO THE "PICKET PRISON."

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

In addition to regular Customs inspection for duty and *li-hin* due to the Chinese Government, goods imported into Canton from outports and foreign countries will now be subject to examination instituted by a joint committee of workers and merchants. This committee has just opened an office on the Bund. Permits to import and applications for inspection upon the arrival of goods must be on forms provided by the committee. This procedure has to be complied with until the termination of the "anti-imperialist boycott," when the joint committee will be abolished and traffic and trade, especially between Hongkong and Canton, may be restored.

This committee has been considered necessary because of the numerous complaints that pickets of the Canton Strike Committee have indiscriminately held up consignments and confiscated goods for the strike fund, after condemning them off-hand as British or other "imperialist" goods. Since the Strike Committee has the backing, being Government, of the Kuomintang in fact a department, the merchants had no other recourse but to demand that henceforth inspection of goods should be made in the presence of a representative of the principal trade guilds of the city; hence this joint committee has come into existence. The Strike Committee has exercised its own sweet will in the matter for the last eight months.

The Strike Committee's prize court still has several big cases on hand. Some three months ago a firm, Sun Hing Lung, imported 330 cases of nails from Belgium. Pickets seized them as British goods but later released all but one case which was retained as a sample for further hearing and investigation. The other day the prize court of the Strike Committee decided against the firm and demanded the other 329 cases back, or their equivalent in value. Upon failure of the firm to comply with the order, its manager and a *foke* were sent to the picket prison in default.

## THE WHAMPOA PORT PROJECT.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

The proposed \$5,000,000 Kwangtung Treasury premium bonds, which are to be issued through the Kuomintang Central Bank in Canton for the purpose of developing the port of Whampoa and other state industries like the Cement Works, Tannery, and others, are to be put on the market next month. Mr. Fok Chi Ting, a well-known Canton merchant, has been appointed special Government agent to float these bonds.

Mr. San Ho, Reconstruction Commissioner, Mr. Soong Tze Ven, Trade and Finance Commissioner, Mr. Chan Kung Pok, Agricultural and Labour Commissioner, and Dr. C. C. Wu, Mayor of Canton, have been appointed by the Political Commission to be members of Whampoa Development Board.

## A CANTON NEW YEAR RESOLUTION.

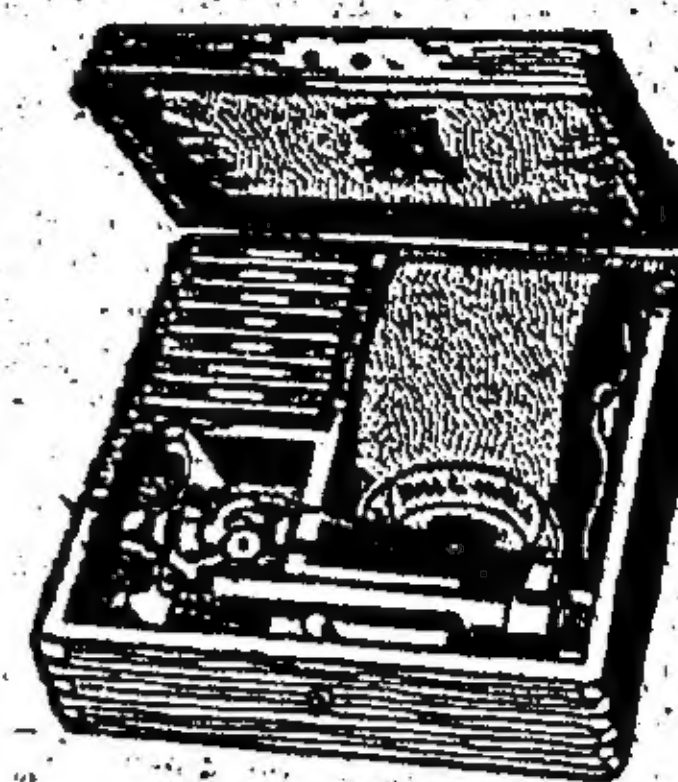
[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

One of the Chinese New Year resolutions in Canton is to put into effect the recently proposed surtax on Customs duties so as to raise the \$4,700,000 local currency, required for harbour improvement and other immediate conservancy measures.

[We shall be interested to learn what the Inspector-General of the Maritime Customs has to say on the subject.—Ed.]

## WILKINSON'S SAFETY SHAYER.

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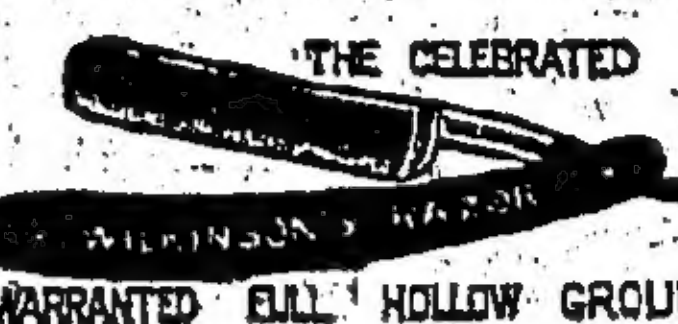
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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.

WORK will be Resumed on MONDAY, 1st MARCH. There will be an Entrance Examination for New Boys (Boards and Day Boys) at PATERICK PLACE, Bonham Road, at 9.30 A.M. on FRIDAY, 26th FEBRUARY.

W. H. HEWITT, M.A., B.D.,  
Warden.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received Instructions to Sell by

## PUBLIC AUCTION

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, 22nd, 23rd and 24th MARCH, 1926.

H. M. NAVAL YARD, HONGKONG.  
AND AT  
KOWLOON NAVAL DEPOT,  
COMMENCING EACH DAY AT 9.30 A.M.  
WITH AN INTERVAL  
FROM 12 NOON TO 1.30 P.M.  
OLD AND SURPLUS NAVAL STORES,  
etc., etc., etc.

Comprising—  
Money Chests, Sewing Machines, Metal Branch Pipes, Life Boat, Gips, Balsa Rafts, Boats Sails, Electrical and Wireless Telegraph Fittings, Glycerine, Electric Cable, Cooking Stoves, Ships Fittings and Firebricks, Gear, Iron Mattresses, Water Cisterns and Pans, Life Belts, Carpets, Rugs, Mats, Table Covers, Blankets, Counters, Curtains, White Tiles, Leather and Metal Hoops, Canvas Tubing, Old Canvas, Canvas Bags, Old India Rubber, Old Leather, Old Woollen and Linen Bags, Metal Propellers, Oil Paint, Old Iron and Steel, Old Brass, Copper, Lead and Zinc, Copper and Brass Tubes, Coal Sacks, Brown Jean, Wood and Iron Blocks, Lamps, Lanterns and Gear, Gargers, Old Steel Tubes, Old Steel Wire Rope, Di. ty Mineral Oil, Oil, Oil and Oil Fuel, Chain Cable and Gear, Drilling and Grinding Machines, Lathes, Steam Hammer, Drills, Planes, Castles and Dynamometers, Chains, Compresses, Binnacles, Logs, Clocks, Iron Drums and Tanks, Old Bantons, Fire Engines, Engines and Boats Boilers, Rigging Chains, Wire and Fibre Brushes, Glass Tubes, Table Fans, Baths, Anvils, Forges, Vices, Miscellaneous Tools, Ironmongery, Protective Mattresses, Filters, Air Compressors, Sinks, Nets, etc., etc.

LOTS MAY BE INSPECTED ON MONDAY, 8th MARCH, 1926.

Also Sale of OLD AND SURPLUS VIOU-  
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ON FRIDAY, 12th MARCH.

Comprising—  
Table Linen, Implements, Serge, Flannel, etc.  
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FROM AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM,  
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THE Steamship  
"ZOSMA" (5)  
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees  
of Cargo by her are notified that all Goods  
are being landed at their risk into the  
hazardous and/or extra-hazardous Godowns  
of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown  
Company, Limited, whence, and/or from the  
wharves, Delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 25th February,  
1926, will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Packages are  
to be left in the Godowns, where they will be  
examined on the 24th February, 1926, at 10  
a.m., by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

Claims against the Steamer must be presented  
in writing within ten days after arrival of  
Steamer, otherwise they will not be  
recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the  
Undersigned in any case whatever.  
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by  
JAYA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN,  
General Agents.

Hongkong, February 18th, 1926. [3213]

KOWLOON RESIDENTS'  
ASSOCIATION.

## NOTICE.

THE SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING of the Association will be  
held in the St. ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL,  
Kowloon, on MONDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY,  
1926, at 8 P.M.

- 1—Adoption of Report and Accounts.
- 2—Election of Officers and Committee for the year 1926.
- 3—Any other Business.

It is Earnestly Requested that Members  
and all Others interested in the Welfare of  
Kowloon will make an endeavour to be Present  
at the Meeting.

D. A. GOODWIN,  
Hon. Secretary.  
Hongkong, 19th February, 1926. [3211]

FOR Rent Two HOUSES Near St. PAUL'S,  
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## INTIMATIONS

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

## RACE MEETING 1926.

MARCH 1st, 2nd, 3rd AND 6th.

TICKETS OF ADMISSION to the Public  
Enclosure may be obtained from  
Messrs. KELLY & WALSH or at the  
GATE. Price—\$3 Per Day. Soldiers and  
Sailors in Uniform—\$1 Per Day.  
No one Admitted without a Ticket to be  
shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.  
LINSTEAD & DAVIS,  
Treasurers.

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

## RACE MEETING 1926.

MARCH 1st, 2nd, 3rd AND 6th.

MEMBERS have the privilege of in-  
troducing Two Non-members to the  
Members' Enclosure.  
A Limited Number of Tickets are avail-  
able and may be obtained from Messrs.  
LINSTEAD & DAVIS, Alexandra Buildings  
on or before SATURDAY FEBRUARY  
27th, 1926.  
Price—\$10 Per Day or \$30 for the  
Meeting.

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

## RACE MEETING 1926.

MARCH 1st, 2nd, 3rd AND 6th.

THE Stewards request the pleasure of the  
Presence of the Ladies at The Races.  
[3190]

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

## RACE MEETING 1926.

MARCH 1st, 2nd, 3rd AND 6th.

PASSES for SERVANTS will be issued  
on Application to Messrs. LINSTEAD  
and DAVIS, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS. No  
Servants will be allowed inside the  
Enclosure of the RACE COURSE during  
RACE DAYS WITHOUT TICKETS.  
These Tickets are only available for  
Servants while in Attendance on their  
Employers or when On Duty at the  
Various Stands.  
Any Persons found loitering about with  
Servants' Passes in their possession will  
forfeit them and holders will be Removed  
from the Enclosure.

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

## RACE MEETING 1926.

MARCH 1st, 2nd, 3rd AND 6th.

MEMBERS' BADGES OF ADMISSION  
are Now Ready and may be obtained  
by those Members who have not already  
received them, from Messrs. LINSTEAD  
& DAVIS, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS.  
Members are Reminded that these Badges  
will also Admit them to All the EXTRA  
RACE MEETINGS This Year.

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

## RACE MEETING 1926.

MARCH 1st, 2nd, 3rd AND 6th.

SCIP CERTIFICATE of SIX  
SHARES Numbered 6655 to 6660,  
registered at the Head Office in the Name  
of WING SIN SUN Has been Declared  
to be LOST or MISLAIN, and Application  
having been made to the Court of Directors  
for a Duplicate, NOTICE IS HEREBY  
GIVEN that unless the said Certificate be  
presented or any objection lodged at the  
Offices of the Company in Shanghai on or  
before the 3rd MARCH, 1926, a New  
Certificate will be issued.

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

## RACE MEETING 1926.

MARCH 1st, 2nd, 3rd AND 6th.

By Order of Court of Directors,  
C. M. G. BURNIE,  
General Manager  
Shanghai, 3rd February, 1926. [3188]

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL  
SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL SHOW OF FLOWERS  
AND VEGETABLES will be held at  
VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS on THURSDAY,  
11th MARCH, 1926.

ENTRIES will DEFINITELY CLOSE  
at 1 P.M. on MONDAY, 1st MARCH,  
1926, at the Hon. Secretary's Office,  
but-Intending Exhibitors are Requested to  
SEND IN THEIR ENTRIES AS EARLY  
AS POSSIBLE.

Schedules have been sent to all Mem-  
bers who have paid their Subscription for  
the Current Year.

MEMBERS who have not yet paid their  
Subscription and ALL THOSE who wish  
to join the SOCIETY are Requested to  
Send \$5 Immediately to the Hon. Secre-  
tary, Mr. E. B. C. HORNELL, c/o Messrs.  
JARDINE, MATTHEWSON & Co., Ltd.,  
Hongkong, 17th February, 1926. [3203]

## HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

## RACE MEETING 1926.

MARCH 1st, 2nd, 3rd AND 6th.

PREPAID "WANTED"  
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TO LET—From April 1st, 1926, for Six  
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veniences including Elevator. Apply—Box No.  
155 c/o Hongkong Daily Press. [155]

TO LET—Small, Convenient Light  
OFFICE in ASIATIC BUILDING. Apply  
Box No. 182, c/o Hongkong Daily Press. [182]

## INTIMATIONS

## HONGKONG HOCKEY CLUB.

## DINNER.

8 P.M. AT VOLUNTEER HEADQUARTERS.

THURSDAY, 25th FEBRUARY, 1926.

WILL All Those Members who have not  
yet sent in their Names kindly do so  
on or before NOON on SATURDAY, 20th  
FEBRUARY, to the Undersigned, giving at  
the same time Names of Guests if any, and  
whether they or their Guests will be willing to  
contribute to the Musical part of the Pro-  
gramme.

(Sgd.) E. J. R. MITCHELL,  
Captain, H.K.H.C. [3209]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE  
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE  
ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL  
MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this  
Company will be held at the Hongkong Hotel,  
Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 20th  
FEBRUARY, 1926, at 11 A.M., for the purpose  
of receiving the Report of the Directors to-  
gether with a Statement of Accounts for the Year  
ended 31st DECEMBER, 1925.  
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company  
will be CLOSED from the 10th FEBRUARY  
to the 22nd FEBRUARY (both days in-  
clusive), during which Period No Transfer  
of Shares can be Registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,  
General Managers.  
Hongkong, 3rd February, 1926. [3145]

## HONGKONG TRAMWAYS, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE  
ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL  
MEETING of HONGKONG TRAM-  
WAYS, LIMITED, will be held at the  
Offices of Messrs. JARDINE, MATTHEWSON &  
Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 25th DAY  
of FEBRUARY, 1926, at 12 O'CLOCK NOON,  
to Transact the Ordinary Business of the  
Company.

By Order of the Board,  
W. F. SIMMONS,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 18th February, 1926. [3202]

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI  
BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE  
ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING  
of the SHAREHOLDERS in this Corporation  
will be held at City Hall, Hongkong, on  
SATURDAY, the 27th FEBRUARY, 1926, at  
NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report  
of the Court of Directors together with a  
Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st  
DECEMBER, 1925.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the  
Corporation will be CLOSED from MONDAY,  
the 15th FEBRUARY, to SATURDAY, the  
27th FEBRUARY, 1926 (both days inclusive),  
during which Period No Transfer of Shares  
can be Registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,  
A. H. BARLOW,  
Chief Manager.  
Hongkong, 8th February, 1926. [3190]

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY  
ANNUAL MEETING OF SHARE-  
HOLDERS will be held at the Offices of  
Messrs. JARDINE, MATTHEWSON & Co., Ltd.,  
on TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd,  
1926, at 11 A.M., for the purpose  
of receiving the Report of the Directors  
and the Statement of Accounts for the  
Year ended December 31st, 1925.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from FRIDAY,  
FEBRUARY 12th, 1926, to TUESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 23rd, 1926, Both Days  
Inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,  
F. H. CRAPPELL,  
Acting Secretary.  
Hongkong, February 4th, 1926. [3145]

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY,  
LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY FIRST ANNUAL GEN-  
ERAL MEETING OF SHARE-  
HOLDERS will be held in the Offices of  
Messrs. DODWELL & COMPANY, LIMITED,  
on THURSDAY, 4th MARCH, 1926,  
at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the  
Report of the General Managers together  
with a Statement of Accounts to 31st  
DECEMBER, 1925.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Com-  
pany will be CLOSED from the 2th  
FEBRUARY to 4th MARCH, 1926,  
Both Dates Inclusive.

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WILLIAMS.—At Shanghai, on February  
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DEATHS.

FAWNS.—At Brechin, January 13th,  
CHARLES KENNY-FAWNS, chief officer,  
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KERN.—At Hyeres, France, January 12th,  
CHARLES DAVISON KERN, formerly  
of Shanghai, aged 82 years.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 20th, 1926.

POLITICAL HYPOCRISY.

It is one of the latest numbers of *The  
Spectator* is published an interesting  
article by an Englishman who has lived  
for many years at Shanghai, on the sub-  
ject of the anti-British agitation. The  
article bears the caption: "The case  
against Chinese Nationalism," but this  
headline is more convenient than accu-  
rate. Nobody condemns genuine national  
aspirations. The objection is to the  
spurious nationalism behind the anti-  
British agitation. As the Chinese news-  
paper from which we reproduce an article  
to-day on the disgraceful state of the  
railways puts it: "the inspired fanatical  
yells against so-called imperialism is just  
so much hypocrisy." We notice that a  
member of the Executive Committee of  
the Kuomintang, a Mr. YANG CHUEN  
HUNG, who was in Shanghai last week,  
emphasised that the Kuomintang was  
directing its whole energy solely to the  
cause of arousing public opinion against  
"foreign aggression," and ridding the  
country of the "imperialist yoke," re-  
presented by the extraterritorial rights  
conceded to foreigners by the Treaties.  
It is not really astonishing having regard  
to the general lawlessness prevailing in  
China, that any sane body of men can  
bring themselves to clamour for the  
abolition of the "unequal treaties," as

though they were a curse to China in-  
stead of a manifest blessing! Would  
Shanghai, for instance, be the great and  
prosperous port it is to-day if the rights  
secured under the "unequal treaties"  
were abolished? As the writer in *The  
Spectator* very truly remarks: "It would  
be safe to say that not one per cent.  
of the Chinese people know or care a scrap  
about 'Extrality.' There are a very  
limited few shouting for its removal,  
partly because their Russian masters tell  
them to do so, and partly because of the  
'picking' thereafter. There is an in-  
finitely greater number, who look with  
terror on the possibility of restoration  
—the sound, peace-loving, industrious  
Chinese of the middle and wealthy classes  
who know that their last hope of peace,  
justice and security rests in the contin-  
uation of foreign administration of these  
Settlements."

Contrast the conditions in the settle-  
ments with conditions generally prevail-  
ing in China and the attitude of the  
dwellers in the settlements can be better  
understood. Here is a paragraph writ-  
ten by the Province of Honan:—"The  
Militarists, unrestrained by Government  
authority or regard for the welfare of the  
nation, have massed hundreds of thou-  
sands of troops, merely to satisfy selfish  
ambition and personal aggrandisement.  
Wherever they go, enforced exactions are  
imposed upon the people, men and  
animals are impressed into service, food  
and fodder must be supplied for man and  
beast. The railways are paralysed, trade  
is stagnant; all that is flourishing is the  
taxation of the militarists and the de-  
predations of the bandits." That is  
typical of the conditions prevailing in  
most, if not all, of the provinces of China.  
Well might it be regarded as a mystery  
how the granting of every demand made  
by the most vociferous Nationalist in  
China could serve to improve the condi-  
tions in the interior of China which  
"embitter the lives of the masses and  
are a blot on any people aspiring to a  
place of self respect among the nations."

In clamouring for the abolition of extra-  
territoriality before they have set China's  
house in order the Chinese Nationalists  
are doing something analogous to putting  
the cart before the horse. When China  
becomes tolerably well governed there  
will be no necessity for "unequal  
treaties," but until she is very much  
better governed than is the case to-day,  
it is to be hoped, in the interest of the  
great numbers of Chinese who have made  
their homes in the treaty ports, no less  
than in the interests of foreigners them-  
selves, the present treaties will undergo  
no modification which will substantially  
reduce what security and protection they  
afford to life and property in the limited  
areas affected by them.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stewart left for  
Shanghai on the *Empress of Australia*.

Lady Clementi will preside at the  
annual distribution of prizes at St.  
Mary's School, Kowloon, on February  
23rd.

According to programme H.M.S.  
*Indefatigable* is due to reach Hongkong on  
the 22nd inst. She replaces H.M.S.  
*Concord*.

The Hongkong interport football team  
return to the Colony from Shanghai on  
the s.s. *City of Lahore* to-morrow  
(Sunday).

The Criminal Sessions open on Mon-  
day. The only cases down for hearing  
are two manslaughter charges and two  
armed robberies.

A Chinese coolie was admitted to the  
Government Civil Hospital on Thursday,  
suffering from head injuries, as the result  
of a fight with another coolie.

Purchasers of tickets for the dancing  
display at the Theatre Royal this (Sat-  
urday) evening are requested to change  
them for seats at the Anderson Music  
Co.

Bishop G. H. Lander, vicar of Holy  
Trinity, Lyonsdown, Herts, formerly  
Bishop of Victoria (Hongkong), has been  
elected unopposed as a Proctor in Con-  
vocation for the diocese of St. Albans.

According to the *Daily Telegraph's*  
diplomatic correspondent, Mr. George  
Augustus Mounsey has, it is understood,  
been appointed head of the Far Eastern  
Department in the British Foreign Office.

The Engineer Company of the H.V.D.C.  
propose to have a Reconnaissance Walk  
between Tsun Wan and Smugglers Ridge  
on Sunday, February 28th.

A combined meeting of members of the  
China Coast Officers' Guild and the  
Marine Engineers' Guild of China is to  
be held to-morrow (Sunday) morning at  
10.30.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. B. Nibhill and  
children, and Mr. F. M. Crawford  
are among the passengers booked for  
Hongkong by the *Hakoni Maru* which  
left London on January 16th.

Another very enjoyable dance under  
the auspices of H.M.S. *Ambrose* was held  
in the R.E. Theatre last evening. The  
dance music was provided by the  
*Titanic's* syncopated orchestra.

Mr. A. Macgowan, of Messrs. Bradley  
& Co., Swatow, did not leave by the  
*Empress of Australia* yesterday as it was  
announced. He would do. He has now  
booked for the boat's next trip on April  
16th.

Members of the Helena May Institute  
are requested to take notice of the  
alteration in connection with the booking  
for the Musical on Thursday, February  
25th. Information can be obtained from  
the Secretary.—ADVT.

The Rev. Brother Paul, the new Visitor  
of Christian Brothers' College in the Far  
East, is now in Hongkong on his initial  
round of inspection. From here he will  
go to Manila and expects to be back in  
Singapore at the end of the month.

A Chinese has been arrested and will  
be charged at Taipei, with uttering a  
number of forged banknotes, which pur-  
ported to have been issued by the Hong-  
kong and Shanghai Bank. Six other  
forged notes were found in his possession  
when he was arrested.

A reel practice was held at the City  
Hall last evening in connection with the  
forthcoming annual ball of the St.  
Andrew's Society to be held on Friday  
night next. Last evening's practice was  
well attended and there is to be another  
practice at the City Hall on Tuesday  
evening.

The Shanghai Municipal Police Dis-  
tinguished Conduct Medal has been  
awarded to Chief Detective Inspector  
Cruickshank and one of his Chinese as-  
sistants. Up to date the medal has only  
been awarded to two other European  
members of the police force, one Sikh  
and two other Chinese.

The visiting interport golf teams left  
the Colony yesterday to return to their  
respective homes and were given a cheer-  
ful send off by members of the Royal Hong-  
kong Golf Club. The Shanghai team  
sailed at noon on the R.M.S. *Empress of  
Australia* and the Manila team departed  
by the s.s. *President Taft* later in the  
day.

At the Central Magistracy yesterday,  
a Chinese coolie who was charged with  
having assaulted an Indian watchman  
was discharged with a caution. De-  
fendant stopped the complainant from  
taking some disinfectant from a Sanitary  
Board tank. Sanitary Inspector Gibson  
said that complainant had no authority  
to take disinfectant.

Over 250 bags of mail were landed  
from the s.s. *President Taft* yesterday,  
all being from U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan  
and Shanghai, with the exception of 20  
bags of letters from the United Kingdom  
and Europe via Siberia. The P. & O.  
s.s. *Khiva* is due at 9 o'clock this morn-  
ing



## CABLE AND WIRELESS NEWS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

THE IRAQ TREATY.  
LABOUR OPPOSITION IN  
COMMONS DEBATE.

RUBOV, February 18th.

In the House of Commons, the Rt. Hon. Mr. Leopold Amery, Secretary for the Dominions and Colonies, moved "That this House approves the Treaty signed between the representative of His Majesty and the King of Iraq, in order to fulfil the stipulation made by the Council of the League of Nations in connection with settlement of the Iraq boundary."

Mr. Amery said that it was just two months since the Premier had asked the House to approve the action taken by the representatives of the Government at Geneva in accepting the awards of the League of Nations in connection with the Iraq frontier. The Premier had then shown conclusively that the line pursued by the Government in this matter had caused no new departure in policy, no violation of the assurances and pledges given to the House in the past, and no fresh commitments of a costly, dangerous or unnecessary character, but, on the contrary, it embodied and gave effect to the consistent policy pursued by each successive Government as it came face to face with the problem of British obligations, interests and responsibilities in the Middle East. The Premier had also pointed out that the Government's policy gave effect to the principles approved by all parties of extending, as far as possible, the use of the League of Nations as an instrument for the peaceful settlement of international difficulties, and strengthening, by British support, its authority for that occasion. The House had affirmed that occasion the general policy of the Government by an overwhelming majority.

Mr. Amery then referred to the amendment to be moved on behalf of the Opposition, rejecting the extension of the period for which Britain had accepted responsibility for Iraq, and he pointed out that when the matter was before the House two months ago the Labour Opposition took the view that they could not decide on such a question within the short time afforded them, and they absented themselves from the debate. Now, after two months, they submitted an amendment aimed against the whole principle of giving effect to the resolution of the League of Nations which the House had affirmed by an overwhelming majority, while the Labour Party were engaged in making up their minds.

Mr. Amery said that the Premier had shown clearly that the Labour Party contemplated and provided for the British Treaty obligation after 1928. He emphasized that Lord Parmoor, acting on behalf of the late Labour Government, had given a definite undertaking to the League Council that, if by 1928 Iraq had not been admitted to the League, the Council would be invited to decide what further measures would be required to give effect to Article 22 of the Covenant, or in other words, to prolong the mandate. Mr. Amery mentioned also that Mr. J. H. Thomas, the Colonial Secretary in the late Labour Government, had no intention of abandoning their support of the frontier claim which they had brought forward on behalf of Iraq. Now, to-day, Mr. Thomas endorsed an amendment, which, if carried, would not only destroy the Treaty, but once more throw the whole question into the melting pot. The passing of the amendment would involve the rejection of the Treaty and the loss of that frontier, for the sake of retaining which the whole policy of the Government had been influenced during the last few years. It would mean that we should make ourselves ridiculous in the eyes of the League of Nations, contemptible in the eyes of the Turks and odious in the eyes of the people of Iraq whom we should have betrayed. It would mean the desertion of a Christian population who, during the last seven or eight years, had experienced a freedom and happiness they had never dreamt possible.

Referring to the last part of the Labour amendment urging the Government to use every effort to expedite the admissions of Iraq to the League of Nations, Mr. Amery said that the only effective way of securing Iraq's admission was by securing her frontier and enabling her to provide for her own defence and co-operating with her to build up a stable administration. The biggest step forward in that direction would be approval of the Treaty. Mr. Amery pointed out that the effect of the new Treaty was to extend the term of the original Treaty for 25 years as from December 18th last, unless, as he confidently believed, Iraq was admitted before that date into the League. There was nothing in the new Treaty which imposed any new military or financial obligations. The policy on which the Government were working of bringing the British financial and military responsibilities in Iraq to an end in 1928 still held the field unchanged. He believed they could substantially fulfil that policy within the dates laid down two years ago.

Mr. Amery concluded by relating the progress made in Iraq since the present policy was established. He declared that what was wanted was stability and that the last thing we wanted was to be other-wise than at peace with our neighbours. We wanted Turkey to be active and prosperous within her borders, but peace was not best assured, if, in the face of what we believed to be unjust demands, we made a cowardly surrender.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, then moved his amendment.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## LABOUR AMENDMENT DEFEATED.

LONDON, February 18th.

The House of Commons, by 285 votes to 118, rejected the Labour amendment moved by Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, opposing the extension of the Iraq mandate.

SIR AUSTIN CHAMBERLAIN'S REPLY.  
Replying to Labour allegations that oil interests had influenced British policy in Iraq, Sir Austin Chamberlain divulged that the Turks, in March last year proposed a settlement of the issue on the basis that Turkey should have as much as she desired of Mosul while a British Company could exploit all the oil with the concession of ports and 30,000 kilometres of railway.

Sir Austin Chamberlain added that the reply was: "As mandators and trustees we cannot bargain away the rights and interests of Iraq in exchange for a concession to British capitalists."

The motion prolonging the Mandate was adopted by 285 votes to 118.

## THE LEAGUE PROBLEM.

FOREIGN SECRETARY AND THE  
COUNCIL'S AIM.

LONDON, February 18th.

Sir Austin Chamberlain, who was the guest at luncheon of the Foreign Press Association, said the Government had not yet taken a decision as regards increasing the Council of the League. It was not a question of creating a majority either one way or the other on the Council for that would be a negation of the aim of that body. Their duty was not to obtain a majority for any group of Powers, but to reconcile differences and to reach solutions that would be heartily and freely accepted by all the Powers interested.

## GENERAL SMUTS' SPIRITED MESSAGE.

LONDON, February 18th.

General Smuts has sent a message to the *Daily News* from Cape Town declaring that the proposal for general enlargement of the League Council at present will be understood as a device to pack the Council and will deal a smashing blow at the League and the work accomplished at Locarno. The League has often been lamentably weak but at least its character has not been damaged. This proposal would injure it for more than all the failures of the last five years. The defenders of the League and what is probably the last hope for Europe should veto the last hope of Locarno and all the high hopes of yesterday. Locarno is in the melting pot and we may find the Locarno spirit suddenly changed into a blight on the newborn hopes of the future. Germany's magnificent offer of conciliation has opened a new chapter for Europe. For her Locarno means the voluntary, deliberate and final renunciation of Alsace Lorraine. Is this nothing to France? Is this to be lightly treated and are the others then to be asked to guarantee the frontiers of France in the future? Surely the situation between Germany and France specially calls for honourable dealings and scrupulous regard to all proprieties. Locarno began as a gentleman's business and let it be completed in that spirit.

## PRESS VIEW ON POLAND'S CLAIM.

LONDON, February 18th.

The *Westminster Gazette's* Diplomatic Correspondent states that the question of Poland's claim to a permanent seat on the League Council contemporaneously with Germany, is now on the way to being settled. Sweden and Japan oppose the Polish demand, which must be endorsed by the unanimous vote of the Council before presentation to the Assembly pressing for the temporary nomination of Poland to the Council until March.

Therefore, the question will not arise until March, but Poland is not debarred from claiming representation on the Council in the future, and it is learned that when she does Germany will not refuse to support the Polish demand for a temporary seat on the Council.

## FRENCH PRESS VIEWS.

PARIS, February 19th.

Amid the chorus of the French Press demanding Poland's admission to the League Council, the *Gaulois* finds Sir Austin Chamberlain's statement concerning the League, yesterday, wise and fair, and courageously points out that each Power's viewpoint must be examined in order to see to what extent they are mutually reconcilable.

Le *Matin* refers to the circulation of "various false rumours about the hostility of Japan and Sweden and the stubborn opposition of Britain" to the enlargement of the League Council, and lays emphasis on the fact that the Government has hitherto declared against Poland, whose chances of admission to the Council, like Spain's, are excellent, while Brazil's chances are increasing.

## FIRE AT SEA.

LONDON, February 18th.

The *u.s. Bolton* has wireless that she has fired aboard in the lower hold of No. 1, containing tobacco. She is proceeding to Brest and is expected to arrive this afternoon.

WIRELESS MESSAGE OF  
DISTRESS.

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## AIR ESTIMATES.

NET INCREASE OF HALF A  
MILLION.

LONDON, February 18th.

The Air Estimates amount to £16,000,000 net, being an increase of nearly half a million, but the gross estimates have decreased owing to the reduction of air expenditure, which falls finally on the Middle East vote in respect of Iraq, Palestine, Trans-Jordan and Navy votes in respect of the Fleet Air arm.

The increase in the net Estimates reflects the strengthening of the Home Defence Force, but it is pointed out that the decision made in 1923 to increase this Force's strength to 82 squadrons by 1928 is not likely to be carried out even before 1930, and the gradual progress hereto remains reviewable according to the international situation, particularly as a result of the international discussions on disarmament.

As regards research, a number of experimental machines are ordered, embodying the principle of Cierva Autogiro, but it has been decided not to continue the experiments with the Brennan Helicopter.

## COURSING AT HOME.

## FINAL OF THE WATERLOO CUP.

LIVERPOOL, February 18th.

In the final of the Waterloo Cup at Liverpool, J. L. Jarvis's "Jovial Judge" beat R. Ranks' "Running Rein." "Jovial Judge" had an easy win.

The betting was 7 to 4 against the winner.

## OPIUM FOR JAPAN.

GERMAN AND SWISS SMUGGLERS  
SENTENCED.

BERNE, February 18th.

A German named Johann Tim has been sentenced to fourteen days imprisonment and fined 4,000 francs, whilst his accomplice, a Swiss named Paul Kuoni, has been fined 8,000 francs for an attempt to ship opium to Japan labelled as clocks and watches. It transpired that thirty-five kilograms of opium, described as gramophones, were despatched on a previous occasion.

[This is an echo of the case in August last of sixty cases consigned to Japan and declared to contain watches and clocks. When opened by the authorities, they were found to contain drugs valued at 70,000 francs.]

## OPIUM SEIZED IN BOMBAY.

## BOMBAY, February 18th.

As the result of a vigorous campaign by the police against smuggling and the illicit possession of opium, 700 lbs. of opium, valued at £4,000, has been found hidden in the native quarter and confiscated. There have been two arrests.

## WIRELESS DISPUTE ENDED.

OPERATORS TO RESUME WORK  
IMMEDIATELY.

LONDON, February 18th.

As a result of negotiation at the Ministry of Labour, the wireless operators' strike has been settled. Work is being resumed immediately.

## TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT.

## LATER.

The Secretary of the "Wireless" Union states that the wireless operators will resume work on the reduced rates of pay demanded by the employers, namely a reduction of £5. 6d. per month. The whole matters in dispute including wages will be the subject of negotiation after the resumption of work and if no settlement is reached the disputed questions will be referred to arbitration.

## MUNITIONS MACHINERY.

BEING BOUGHT IN AUSTRIA BY  
SOVIET.

LONDON, February 18th.

The *Daily Mail* correspondent at Vienna says negotiations are progressing between the Austrian Government, Austrian firms and the Soviet Government for the Russian purchase of all machines in Austria capable of use in the making of munitions.

The Soviet is anxious to equip model factories to produce munitions and explosives on the largest scale and is prepared also to purchase the complete equipment of the Vienna Arsenal and the great Danube boat-building works at Fischamend.

## THE GREEK ARRESTS.

RUMOURS OF NAVAL MUTINY  
CONTRADICTED.

ATHENS, February 18th.

The Premier, General Pangalos, has made a statement with regard to the arrests mentioned yesterday. He says that the temporary removal of the arrested officers was necessary because of alarming rumours which have recently been circulating involving the names of Mr. Papanastasiou, General Kondilis and others. He opines that the rumours are baseless, but if it is proved that the arrested men really intended to disturb public order and the work of the Government they will be exemplarily punished.

General Pangalos sees no danger to public order. It is stated that the arrested men will be taken to the island of Santorini. The rumour of a naval mutiny is contradicted.

## FURTHER MINOR ARRESTS.

## ATHENS, February 18th.

It is semi-officially stated that further minor arrests have been made. All the arrested men have been taken to one of the Greek Islands where they have every comfort.

A Special Tribunal has been appointed to deal with the persons charged with being concerned in subversive acts, and is inquiring into their activities.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## OPIUM CONVENTIONS.

RATIFIED AND FORWARDED TO  
LEAGUE.

GENEVA, February 18th.

The British Government has forwarded to the Secretariat of the League the ratifications of the two International Opium Conventions drawn up by the League. The first is concerning the control of trade in opium in the Far East for smoking purposes, and the second is intended to prevent opium smuggling and the abuse of stupefying drugs.

These ratifications are the first to be handed in by a Great Power with regard to the Opium Conventions.

## POLITICS IN INDIA.

SCHEME FOR RESPONSIBLE  
GOVERNMENT REJECTED.

DELHI, February 18th.

The Council of State has rejected without division a resolution by the Bombay Industrial magnate, Mr. Pheroze Sethna, for the immediate appointment of a Royal Commission to enquire into the working of the constitution and to formulate a scheme for responsible government.

A Swarajist amendment which Sir Alexander Muddiman, a Home member, described as a demand for immediate and complete responsible Government, was rejected.

Sir Alexander Muddiman, opposing the resolution said that while the Government believed the atmosphere had changed it had not improved to an extent to cause the Government to change the decision announced last September. Reforms were still not working in two of the Provinces though they were working in a spirit of goodwill in the rest of the Provinces. When there was unambiguous evidence of goodwill forthcoming, the day which all India had at heart would be near, but a proper atmosphere would not be created by calling for reforms to camouflage the forming of conspiracy societies or by opposing the essential measures of administration.

## THE NEW TURKEY.

## CIVIL CODE OF REFORMS VOTED.

CONSTANTINOPLE, February 18th.

The Assembly at Ankara has voted as *blocc* a new civil code of over 900 Articles regulating the civil life on western lines. It notably deals with the status of women who now acquire divorce rights equal to men. The code is based on Swiss Legislation, and abolishes polygamy and prohibits the marriage of Moslem women with Christians.

## [REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

## AMERICAN SPORT.

FOURBALL GOLF MATCH IN  
FLORIDA.

NEW YORK, February 18th.

In the St. Augustine, Florida, fourball golf match, Massy and Compton beat Miss Glenna Collett, the American lady champion, and Miss Mary Brown by 2 to 1.

The professionals, who conceded six bisques, went round in 65, eight strokes below par. The ladies went round in 72.

## INTERNATIONAL PROFESSIONALS' MATCH.

NEW YORK, February 18th.

Walter Hagen has been chosen to nominate three other American professionals to represent America in an international match against British professionals, prior to the British Open Championship match which is contested in the London district.

Hagen hopes to interest Jimmy Farrell, Gene Sarazen and Leo Diegel.

## [REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

## AMERICAN ARCTIC FLIGHT.

A RACE TO DISCOVER NEW  
CONTINENT.

NEW YORK, February 18th.

The round-the-world flier, Lieut. Wade describes his proposed arctic flight as a race with the Bolsheviks to discover a continent which is thought to lie in the uncharted seas to the north of Alaska. He explained that "the reason is plain, because from such a base aeroplanes from any country would be within one day's flying distance of the most important cities in the northern hemisphere." He quoted the closing of Wrangel Island and northern Siberia to foreigners as evidence of the Soviet's planning an expedition to head off the discoveries and claims of other nations.

[A previous message said that Lieut. Ogden and Wade are planning an aerial expedition to the Arctic next summer, starting from Point Barrow, to be financed by graduates of Harvard, Yale, Princeton and Pennsylvania Universities. There are to be five aeroplanes, fitted with 220 horse-power Douglas engines.]

## VICTIM OF BOLSHEVISM.

ARCHBISHOP CIEPLAK'S DEATH  
AT NEW JERSEY.

NEW YORK, February 18th.

A message from Russia, New Jersey, announces the death of Archbishop Cieplak, formerly head of the Roman Catholics in Russia, who was sentenced to death in 1922, following on his protest against the Bolshevik seizure of church property. The sentence was commuted to two years' solitary imprisonment in consequence of most powerful and worldwide representations. The Archbishop was kept in gaol for sixteen months, but in the meantime he was not informed of the commutation. He was then released and exiled. Subsequently he desired to return to his flock but declined to accept Communism.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

## THE CATHCART CASE.

## THE EARL OF CRAVEN'S VIEWS.

MONTREAL, February 18th.

The Earl of Craven, in an interview, said he had been away from New York for a decade and could stay away another decade. All the fuss left him cold, but it was very hard on his wife. He declared that the Countess of Cathcart had brought her exclusion on herself. She should not have come to New York at present, and should never have put a "D" after her name. The Earl attributed his difficulties to certain sections of the American press and to the American love of sensation.

## U.S. POLITICAL ACTION.

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST  
ALUMINIUM CO. TO CEASE.

WASHINGTON, February 18th.

The Department of Justice has reached the conclusion that the proceedings against the Aluminium Company for contempt of court cannot be maintained. [A previous message stated that the investigation into the affairs of the Aluminium Company of America, of which Mr. Mellon is a prominent shareholder, was started with the object of seeing why no proceedings for contempt were brought against it under an old decree of the court. The investigation, which is inspired by the Opposition, is directed primarily against the Attorney General for not bringing proceedings against the so-called Aluminium Trust for failure to obey a Court decree of 1912, permitting the Trust to do business under certain conditions which the Opposition say have been violated. The investigation is also directed against the Federal Trade Commission, which is alleged to have failed to hand over important evidence to the Department of Justice.]

## PROHIBITION IN AMERICA.

GOVERNMENT SCHEME TO BUY  
UP ALL WHISKY.

WASHINGTON, February 18th.

With the object of enforcing prohibition, the Government is considering a proposal to buy the entire stock of medicinal whisky in the country to prevent it flowing into bootleg channels, at an estimated cost of 300 million dollars. Secretary Mellon opposed the step on the ground that the Government is thereby engaging in business, but his assistant Secretary Andrews, who is in charge of the enforcement of prohibition, strongly favours the scheme.

## LAWN TENNIS.

U.S. INDOOR TOURNAMENT  
CONTINUED.

NEW YORK, February 18th.

Playing in the National Indoor Lawn Tennis tournament, in the men's doubles, Brugnon and Dally beat Mangin and Jolliff 3/6, 6/0, 6/3, and Tilden and Anderson beat Seligson and Kuhn 6/1, 6/2, thus entering the semi-finals.

The match between Tilden and Borotra in the quarter final of the singles has been postponed until to-morrow.

## LATER RESULTS.

Lacoste and Borotra defeated Merri and Cutler 6/4, 6/1; Richards and Hunter defeated C. A. Anderson and J. G. Hale, 6/3, 7/5. Tilden and F. C. Anderson are due to meet Lacoste and Borotra.

AMERICAN PRESIDENT'S  
HEALTH.

## WASHINGTON, February 18th.

President Coolidge is still indisposed and confined to his bed.

SUSPECTED ROBBER GANG  
LEADERS.SEQUEL TO NATHAN ROAD  
ROBBERY.

NEW YORK, February 18th.

The police carried out a number of raids in Yonkers on Thursday, and arrested several men who are thought to be the leaders of a notorious gang of armed robbers, who have been responsible for several of the armed robberies perpetrated recently.

Four men were arrested in all, two at 44, Reclamation Street, and the other two at 33, Portland Street, and 40, Temple Street, respectively. These arrests were visited following upon information received when investigations were being carried out concerning a recent armed robbery in Nathan Road. The men are now in custody, awaiting formal identification before being charged.

Sub-Detective Inspector Shafnain was in charge of the raiding party of police.

## A PRISONER'S DEATH.

A Chinese prisoner, of the Victoria  
Gaol, who had nearly completed three  
years of a five years' sentence of hard  
labour for participation in an armed  
robbery, died at the Government Civil  
Hospital at five o'clock yesterday morning, and in consequence Major C. Willson held a death enquiry at the Central  
Magistracy yesterday afternoon, sitting as a Coroner with a jury.

It appeared from the evidence that the prisoner was committed to Victoria Gaol on March 19th, 1922. On November 17th, last year, he was removed to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis and later from an abscess of the abdomen, which was also tubercular. He died yesterday morning as a result of generalised tuberculosis and the jury returned a verdict of "death from natural causes."

FAR EASTERN CABLE  
NEWS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

## SHANGHAI PRISON SENSATION.

CONVICTS SHOT IN ATTEMPT TO  
ESCAPE.NINE KILLED AND OTHERS  
INJURED.

SHANGHAI, February 18th.

An attempt to escape made at midnight on Wednesday by 34 convicts undergoing sentences ranging from five to twenty years at the French Municipal Gaol, resulted in the death of nine, including four suicides, while eight were critically wounded.

Two warders locking the main door were attacked, and lime was flung into one's face and a sack was thrown over his companion's head.

The former, however, blew his whistle and pulled his pistol and fired.

Assistance soon arrived, but the prisoners only halted after nearly half their number were shot down.

## CHINA COAST SEAMEN.

POSSIBILITY OF BREACH BETWEEN  
I.C.S.N. CO. AND OFFICERS.

SHANGHAI, February 18th.

There are serious possibilities of a breach in the relations between the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co. and the officers of their fleet as a result of information received from Hongkong that the proposed reduction to the salaries of the floating staff would probably come into force on March 1st.

No official statement is obtainable from the agents of the Company, or the China Coast Officers' Guild, but the Secretary of the Marine Engineers' Guild admitted that there "appear to be serious possibilities."

[It is interesting to note that a combined meeting of members of the China Coast Officers' Guild and Marine Engineers' Guild is to take place in Hongkong to-morrow (Sunday) morning.]

## "CARS FOR SALE."

"SHEER BRAZEN AUDACITY" AT  
TIENTSIN.

TIENTSIN, February 18th.

To-day's *Peking and Tientsin Times* contains an advertisement inserted by the "Kuomintang Military Transportation Bureau," which the *Times* editorially characterises as "sheer brazen audacity, unparalleled even in China."

The advertisement reads:—"Railway cars. Cars of all sizes and for all lines. Terms strictly cash. Orders promptly executed. For rates apply to the Military Transportation Bureau, Grand National Hotel, Japanese Concession."

## RESCUED FROM THE SEA.

EXPERIENCE OF JAPANESE  
FREIGHTER'S CREW.

TOKYO, February 19th.

The *Jawa Arrow*, from Yokohama, bound for San Francisco, has wireless that she has picked up the Japanese freighter *Taishan Maru* 650 miles north-east of Yokohama, which was drifting helplessly a month after a storm.

Thirteen sailors were rescued in a starving condition.

It is reported that nineteen of the crews who took to the lifeboats on the 8th inst., are believed to be lost.

## THE BOXER INDEMNITY.

LORD WILLINGTON ON HIS WAY  
TO CHINA.

TOKYO, February 18th.

Lord Willington arrived at Yokohama this morning, on the *s.s. Empress of Russia*, en route to China in connection with the disposal of the British portion of the Boxer Indemnity.

PRINTING WITHOUT  
AUTHORITY.CHINESE HEAVILY FINED AT  
MAGISTRACY.

On February 10th the police carried out a search at a printing works at No. 2, Wo On Lane, Wellington Street, Central District, and found a Chinese, named Lo Shing, engaged in printing certain pamphlets, of a character not permitted in the Colony.

The result was that he was arrested and yesterday afternoon he appeared on remand before Major Willson at the Central Magistracy charged with unlawfully printing certain matter calculated to interfere with the maintenance of law and order.

Defendant was further charged with printing the matter without the authority of the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.

He pleaded guilty to both charges, and his excuse was that he had been instructed to do the printing by his master.

His Worship convicted on the charge of printing without the authority of the B.C.A., and the police withdrew the first charge.

Defendant was fined \$250, with the alternative of two months' hard labour.



## THE CONSPIRACY CHARGE.

## ALLEGED ATTEMPT TO VICTIMIZE THE WING ON CO.

The case, begun earlier this week, in which three Chinese are charged with attempting to defraud the Wing On Co. of Des Vaux Road Central, of \$50,000 and interest was continued at the Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. Lindell.

In all there are six charges against these men, including three of conspiracy (a) conspiring to defraud the Wing On Company of the sum mentioned with \$863 interest; (b) conspiring to utter a forged document purporting to be a deposit book issued by the Company and (c) conspiring to endeavour to cause to be paid to the Industrial and Commercial Bank the capital sum and interest mentioned. The remaining charges concern attempts to utter a forged document purporting to be a deposit book with intent to defraud the Wing On Company.

The third defendant is facing six further charges which concern him alone, including three charges of uttering a forged document purporting to be a deposit book issued by the Wing On Company, knowing it to have been forged and with intent to defraud.

Evidence regarding the arrest of the defendants and the search carried out at their houses and what was found there was given.

A representative of the Wing On Company described the method of procedure when a deposit was made and how deposit books were issued, etc., as outlined by Mr. Jenkin in his opening for the prosecution earlier in the week.

An Assistant Cashier of the Company gave evidence regarding the withdrawal of the \$50,000 deposited with the Wing On Company, and said that a sum of \$23,000 was left on deposit. Application was made on May 1th, 1923, to withdraw \$22,000, and to leave the remaining \$1,000 on deposit. The Manager was consulted, however, and he said that they must take the whole of the deposit out and close the account. No receipt was given because no interest was payable.

At the conclusion of the hearing, Mr. Zeitlyn raised the question of bail.

Mr. Jenkin said he was instructed by the police department that if bail was granted it should be a considerable amount.

Mr. Zeitlyn suggested that between \$3,000 and \$5,000 would be substantial enough.

Mr. Jenkin objected to this sum as being insufficient.

Mr. Zeitlyn commented that if the bail reached high figures it became merely illusory.

Eventually His Worship fixed bail for all three defendants on the basis of \$10,000 cash each and substantial securities of \$10,000 in respect of each defendant.

Mr. Jenkin remarked with regard to the third defendant that he had perhaps not made his part in the alleged conspiracy clear in the opening address he gave. Mr. Jenkin added that he thought the evidence would show that this defendant was the master mind in the perpetration of the forgery itself.

Adjourning the case for further hearing, His Worship provisionally fixed future dates for the hearing of the case as follows:—Tuesday afternoon next and Wednesday morning and afternoon next; and the afternoons of March 4th and 5th. It was stated that it was anticipated that the case would take a very considerable time in hearing before it reached its final stage.

## JAPANESE OFFICERS.

## ENTERED BY COMMON WEALTH MINISTRY.

The Commonwealth Ministry at Melbourne on January 25th entertained at luncheon Captain Yedabara and the officers of the visiting Japanese training cruiser *Iwate*. The Minister for Defence (Sir Neville Howse) presided.

In welcoming the guests, Sir Neville Howse referred to the great assistance rendered by Japan as an ally during the war, particularly by the navy in the work of escort with the Australian convoys. He recalled how the *Iwate* had been desirous of engaging the *Enden* when she had been sighted, but could not be spared from the convoy, and the honour was given to H.M.A.S. *Sydney*.

Referring to the representation to Australia by the Japanese Government of a model of the *Iwate* and other relics of the ship, the Minister stated that, in return, the binnacle from the H.M.A.S. *Australia* would be presented to the *Iwate* for conveyance to Japan as a present from the Commonwealth Government. He trusted that the friendship between the two countries would be strengthened by the exchange of gifts.

The State Premier (Mr. Allen) supported the Minister.

Captain Yedabara, in reply, said that he was sure that the friendly relations developed between Australia and Japan during the war would last for ever in peace time. Japan remembered, with pleasure, the assistance rendered by the British Navy in building up the Japanese Navy, and the practical sympathy extended by Australia at the time of the severe earthquake in 1923. He said that the souvenir of the H.M.A.S. *Australia* would be kept very carefully in Japan for ever as a memento of the friendship between the two countries. The warmth of the reception accorded himself and the ship's company had made a lasting impression upon him.

## SIXTY YEARS OF FLYING.

## THE GROWTH OF THE SCIENCE. AIR MINISTER ON THE FUTURE.

Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary of State for Air, was present last month at a conversation held in the Aeronautical Section of the Imperial College of Science to celebrate the sixtieth anniversary of the foundation of the Royal Aeronautical Society. In addition to the wonderful collection of exhibits in the aeronautical section a special exhibition of early aeronautical books, prints, and curiosities had been arranged. Among these were a model of Montgolfier's hot-air balloon, which rose to 6,000ft., aeronautical ballads and caricatures, the earliest known letter carried by air, in 1841, a poster announcing the ascent from Vauxhall-gardens of Mrs. Graham, the first professional woman balloonist in England, a copy of the *Gloucester Journal*, 1783, containing an account of the French invention of balloons, and a contemporary German coloured engraving of the landing of the first experimental hydrogen balloon, which was mistaken for the devil by peasants who attacked it with pitchforks.

One of the most interesting of the other exhibits was the Reid testing and training flying apparatus, invented by Flight-Lieut. G. H. Reid, D.F.C., and presented by Sir Charles Wakefield to the Royal Aero Club. By this machine "flying aptitude" is tested. It is necessary, for flying, that a man shall have good vision, as regards acuity and judgment. He must also be able, as a result of what he sees, to perform movements of hand and feet, so that the machine will fly and will maintain a satisfactory position in the air after the flight has begun. The "Reid" apparatus gives information on these points, affording at the same time a measure of the steadiness of nerve controlling the hand and foot movements. By this apparatus it has been found that a good pilot—(1) has good "hands" and can quickly but evenly manipulate the control column; (2) has good "feet" and can quickly but evenly operate the rudder bar; (3) can, at a given signal, quickly but evenly perform combined movements of hand and feet. From the testing of experienced pilots the average time taken for the "hands" test is two to three seconds, for the "feet" test half a second to one second, for the combined hand and feet ("spin") test from two to four seconds, according to type of machine flown and the amount of experience. The person who has not flown has not this experience, and his average times are slower, e.g., for the "spin" test four to five seconds.

The guests were received by Air-Vice-Marshal Sir Sefton Branker, who, speaking as chairman of the council of the society, said that Sir Samuel Hoare was the best Air Minister the country had ever had, and that his work in connection with the technical and civil sides of British aviation would bear fruit for many years to come. The society was particularly indebted to him for the assistance to the extent of £250 a year for five years granted by the Government, a sum which had actually saved the society from going out of existence. (Cheers.)

Sir Samuel Hoare, in responding, said the public was interested in the future of British flying, and his main duty as Air Minister was to give everyone the freest possible chance to develop it. If, at the end of his period in office, British flying had developed, it would be due more to the energy of people inside and outside the Air Ministry than to the particular Minister who held office. He was glad on behalf of the Government to congratulate the Royal Aeronautical Society on the invaluable work it had done during the last sixty years, from the day of that small gathering in the house of the Duke of Argyll, when a number of men met for the purpose of founding that society. They consisted of aviators, engineers like Bright and Siemens, Mr. Delane, the editor of the *Times*, and Mr. G. H. Bohn, the publisher of the well-known classics. They were far-seeing men, and at that time hardly anyone outside their company believed in the future of aviation at all.

## NEW ACTIVITIES.

As Secretary for War he expressed the hope that great as had been the progress of the society, its most useful period of activity was still to come. He understood from Sir Sefton Branker that the society was about to extend its activities. It was contemplating the introduction of associate members, men, and, he hoped, women, who would not only be scientists, but actually engaged in the daily work of flying. It also contemplated awarding its gold medal to some distinguished aeronautical pioneer. That medal was seldom given, and the names of those who held it showed how great were their services. The society, he said in conclusion, was a splendid centre for increasing the interest of British citizens in flying, and bringing into the common pool of aviation development more brains and capacity than we could hope to have if they were restricted to the exertions of a Government department. (Cheers.)

## PARIS ART EXHIBITION.

## OVER ONE MILLION FRANCS PROFIT.

Contrary to what many people predicted, the Exhibition of Decorative Arts held in Paris last summer has yielded a substantial profit, for the City of Paris and the State will share about 1,300,000fr., in addition to the monetary harvest reaped by the public services and the hotel industry. The Underground Railway, for instance, took over 50,000,000fr. more than during the corresponding period of the previous year, and a goodly proportion of this sum found its way into the municipal treasury. This result is considered always resulted in a heavy deficit so far as the State and municipal funds were concerned, for previous exhibitions have

## ACTORS AND THE COLONIES.

## MR. DION BOUCAULT'S ADVICE.

Mr. Dion Boucault, who has recently returned to England after a long tour in the Dominions and is shortly going away again, is one of the increasing band of notable actors and producers who find that the conditions that have been prevailing in London since the war make theatrical enterprise here almost impracticable.

"It is nearly impossible," he said, at the complimentary dinner which was given to him and Miss Irene Vanbrugh for a theatre manager to make money in London now, or for a young actor to get the right kind of experience here," and he urged young people to go to Australia, Canada, anywhere rather than stay in England.

In an interview on the subject with a representative of *The Observer*, he said:

"One of the reasons for our leaving England three years ago and touring South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand was the difficulty of obtaining any West End theatre at a rental that made it possible for a theatrical enterprise to be successful financially. Added to this was the difficulty of finding plays, the market being very badly supplied. The general uncertainty, in fact, seemed to make it better to go far afield than to remain in London. Our decision was, I am very gratified to say, more than justified, and the tour was a sort of theatrical triumphal progress."

"On returning to England it seems to me that the conditions which existed three years ago have become worse and more intensive. Plays seem to be scarcer, theatres dearer, and actors' and actresses' salaries nearly prohibitive, so that going into a theatrical venture, which of necessity is probably the most risky speculation which anyone can go into, and on which you naturally expect to get a large return for the extreme risk you take, has now become, to my mind, a childish proposition."

"The expenses of running a theatre under the present conditions have become so large that unless you have a success which practically fills your houses to capacity at each performance, I cannot see how any theatrical manager who is not in the position of, shall we say, Lady Wyndham, Mr. Frederick Harrison, Mr. Frank Curzon, and one or two others, can possibly make both ends meet, and they are lucky indeed if they do not lose their all."

"With regard to the advice I gave to young actors and actresses to go out to the colonies to gain their experience, I have no reason to withdraw anything I said. An actor's career, always precarious, has become, so far as I am able to judge, almost an impossible one. Well-known and respected actors and actresses are unable to obtain employment, and even should they be successful in procuring an engagement, it is not unusual for them to rehearse five or six weeks without any remuneration for a play which failing to make a sufficiently big appeal to the theatrical public, may have to be taken off within a fortnight of its production."

"Now, employment in the Colonies does mean that you have in most cases a consecutive year's engagement. You know with certainty what your income will be; only the best works in London or New York are given, for, of course, the failures are not produced; change is constant, so that young actors are always gaining fresh experience; everything is found for them both modern dress and costume; and their first-class fares are paid to and from whatever colony they are going to. These conditions seem to me to outweigh anything London has to offer them. Indeed, on their return to England they are far better equipped to take their place in the front rank of accepted artists by reason of the experience they have gained."

## HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, February 19th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 8 a.m.	On Day at 2 p.m.
Barometer	30.03	30.13	30.00
Temperature	69	57	60
Humidity	70	78	72
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Force	3	1	2
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## BETTER THAN HER MOTHER.

## THE MODERN GIRL.

## HEADMISTRESSES' VIEWS.

"The present girl will make a better woman than her mother," was the opinion expressed to a reporter by several of the headmistresses of private schools who were in conference at University College, London.

Mr. Ewart McClure, president of the Incorporated Association of Headmasters, had said he thought that the present boy will make a better man than his father.

Miss E. E. Lawrence, headmistress of West Heath School, Richmond, Surrey, said: "From marquises' daughters down to the girls in the elementary schools girls are better in every way—physically, mentally, and morally. They are more courageous and they are going to be very good housewives. I remember the time when girls were ashamed to take out their own babies and to do their own cooking. There is no such false pride about the present girl."

Miss Judson, of The Abbey School, Malvern Wells, acting chairman of the conference: The modern girl as a woman will bring up her children in a far better manner than her own mother did. She will be a public-spirited woman, and we look forward to the time when a great deal of our unpaid public work will be done by the wives of professional and business men, who are themselves too busy to devote much time to public affairs. Education is helping girls to control their emotions and to act impartially."

Miss A. Fleming, headmistress of Thoresby High School, Leeds, stated at Leeds: The girl of to-day is more virile and better developed, both mentally and physically, than her mother.

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## PENSIONS FOR ALL THE EXPERIENCE OF NEW ZEALAND.

[FROM "THE TIMES" NEW ZEALAND CORRESPONDENT.]

In 1898 New Zealand passed the first Old Age Pensions Act, and inaugurated a system which has since been steadily extended. At that time there were in the country many of the old pioneers who had nobly taken their part in laying the foundations of the Colony. Some of them, the more fortunate, had obtained their reward; others had battled with the bush and the wilderness, and had sown the seeds of prosperity which others would garner. Their utmost thrift had been unable to assure for them adequate provision for their old age, and it was rightly held that the community owed them something more than charity.

So it was decreed that women of 60 and men of 65 who had resided in the Colony for 25 years and were of good character should be entitled to a pension. The maximum pension was first fixed at £s. 11d. a week, reducible according to the possessions and earnings of the pensioner. The amount has gradually been increased, both as regards the maximum pension and the allowances for property and earnings, and at the present time the maximum is £17s. 6d., and the property exemption permits the ownership of a cottage holding of reasonable value.

The cost of these pensions to the community is not light, and each year it becomes greater. It is not surprising, then, that the present Government have come to doubt whether the system is as well based as was originally believed, and to question whether it should not be remodelled. The Minister of Pensions (Mr. G. J. Anderson), expressed the opinion last session that a remodelling must be undertaken, and he proposed to have a Bill prepared embodying a system of contributory pensions. It should be explained that the old-age pensions are not the only such charge upon Dominion funds.

### VARIETY OF PENSIONS.

Apart from war pensions there are the following:—

Widows' pensions (introduced 1912).—Payable to widows with a child or children under the age of 14, at the rate of 10s. weekly for the widow and 10s. for each child, with an income limitation, but liberal exemption of earnings.

Miners' pensions.—Payable to miners incapacitated by miners' phthisis or to their widows, varying from 17s. 6d. weekly for a widow to £1 15s. for a married man or widower with children.

Pensions for the blind (introduced 1924).—At the rate of 15s. weekly, reducible according to property held, but increased by subsidies on earnings with a maximum of earnings and pension of £3 10s. weekly.

For all these pensions there are conditions regarding the period of residence in New Zealand. In addition there are liberal pensions for the widows and children of men who died in the 1919-20 influenza epidemic, but these constitute a special case and do not affect the general pension principle.

On March 31st, 1925, the numbers and annual values of pensions in force were as follows:—

	Number.	Annual Value.
Old age	22,062	£250,795
Widows	3,503	281,141
Miners	607	37,984
Blind	114	4,485
Epidemic	385	16,226

This is a heavy bill, 26,748 pensioners at a cost of £1,190,581, in a population of a little over a million and a quarter.

The weak points in the system are: (1) that it affords no incentive to thrift, and is, indeed, based primarily upon necessity and only partly on merit; (2) there is a temptation for a popularly elected Assembly to seek credit by advocating greater benefits; and the Finance Minister who endeavours to resist this vicarious generosity must be prepared to face charges of callousness and insensibility to the hardships of the aged and needy.

At one time the system of old-age pensions directly discouraged thrift by making considerable deductions on account of savings. This fault has been removed to some extent by more liberal exemptions of property; but the pension award does not yet reward the man who has reared a large family as against the childless bachelor who has perhaps had no one but himself to provide for—except that married persons with two or more children under the age of 14 can qualify for the pension five years earlier.

### INCREASED COST.

Yet strangely enough it does not appear that the payment of pensions without contributions is causing a greater proportion of people to rely upon this provision for old age. On March 31st, 1915, there were 19,392 old-age pensioners, equal to 1.68 per cent. of the population. The number of pensioners has gradually increased, but the percentage has fallen. On March 31st, 1925, the number was 22,062 and the percentage 1.59. Over the same period the bill has increased from £249,614 to £250,795. Of course, the war and the increased cost of living account in large measure for the heavier charge, but there is a distinct tendency to increase the benefits apart from such causes.

Moreover, as old-age pensions have been followed by miners' (an industrial pension), widows' and blind pensions, so there is a demand for further extensions to include sickness and unemployment benefits. If such new pensions, and higher payments for the widows, the blind, and the aged, are all to be made from the Consolidated Fund, it must mean heavier general taxation. And there will still be no certain means of checking the grants. A compulsory contributory system would at least provide some check.

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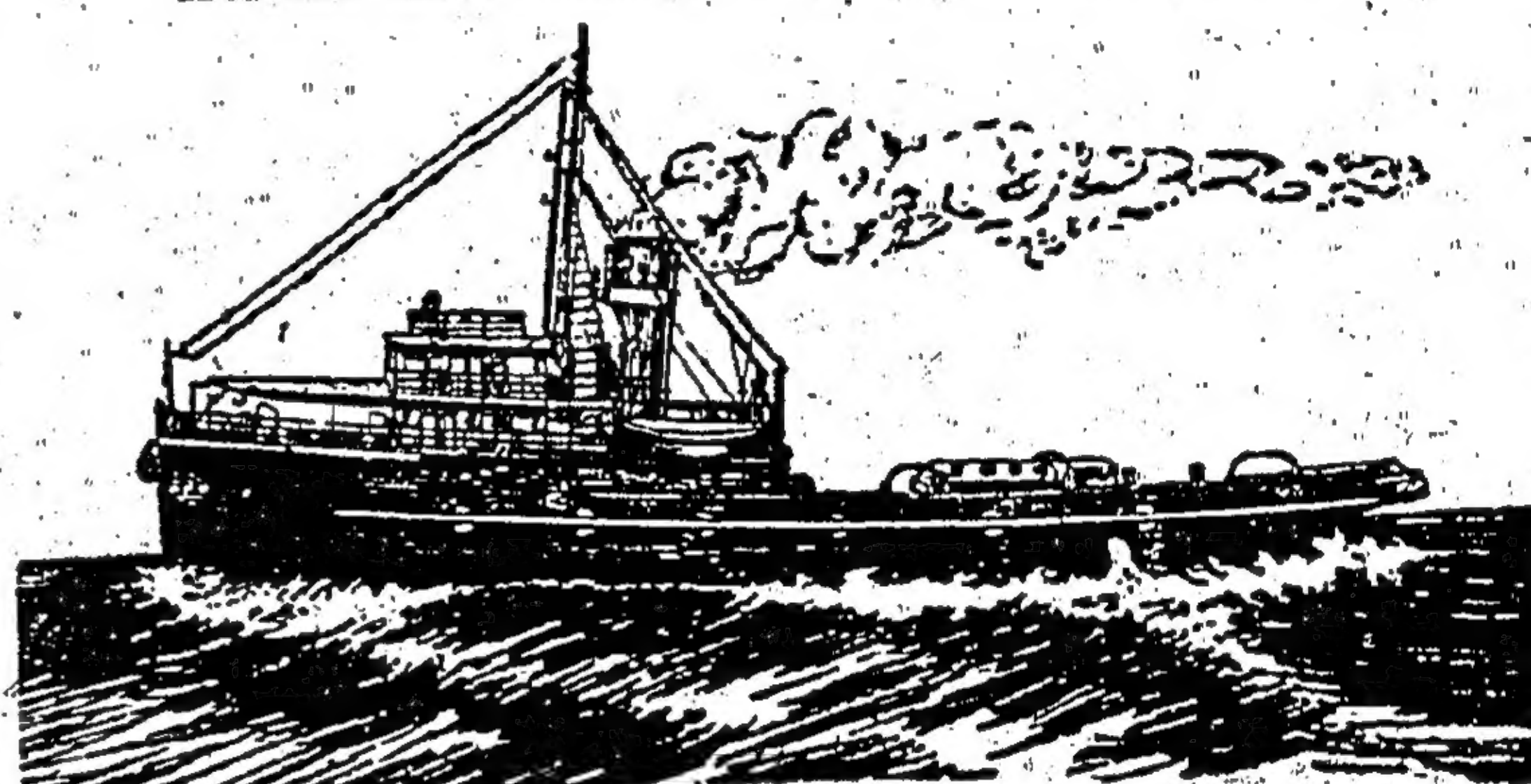
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### HOLIDAY TASK AT 67.

ARCTIC EXPLORER TO WRITE UP HIS AUSTRALIAN SURVEYS.

43 YEARS' RECORDS OF A VAST CONTINENT.

Professor Sir Edgeworth David, Antarctic explorer and scientist, has discovered a rather strenuous way of spending the holiday he has permitted himself of a few months in England from his work as professor of geology in the University of Sydney.

Sir Edgeworth, who arrived in London from Australia last month, had barely reached the house of his son in Maiden Vale when he began work on the book he is preparing on the geology of the Commonwealth.

The task is one that might daunt a much younger man, but Sir Edgeworth David, at the age of 67, is not deterred at all by the mass of material of the most valuable kind that he has to summarise in relation to an area that is three million square miles in extent.

### 43 YEARS' IN AUSTRALIA.

"The task is a considerable one," he admitted to an *Evening Standard* representative, "for this is really the first attempt to put together not only my own observations during my forty-three years' work in Australia, but the labours of the various surveys in Australia and of my own colleagues.

"I have to summarise and co-ordinate a great mass of material on which I started, before the war. For the last three years I have been trying to make up arrears, for during the war I was busy in helping to get together two thousand military miners for the front, and in other tasks.

"I went out to Australia more than forty years ago, and after being geological surveyor to the Government of New South Wales for nine years went to Sydney University. The book, of course, is based on my long experience of the country, and I suppose there are few people who have travelled more extensively across it.

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## SHIPPING NEWS

## ARRIVALS.

February 18th.

*Ginga Maru*, Japanese str., 6,118 tons, Capt. M. Jin, from Yokohama, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 33.—T.K.K.

*Taming*, British str., 1,356 tons, Capt. D. Lupton, from Lamok Point and Safe Bay, lying at buoy No. C33.—B. & S.

February 19th.

*Antiochus*, British str., 5,768 tons, Capt. H. Wilkinson, from Yokohama, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 33.—B. & S.

*Kuruma*, British str., 5,670 tons, Capt. R. H. Griffin, O.B.E., R.N.R., from Shanghai, which port she left on February 10th, with a general cargo, lying at buoy No. 33.—Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co.

*President Taft*, American str., 12,145 tons, Capt. C. M. Cochran, from San Francisco and Shanghai, the former she left on January 23rd and the latter on February 17th, with a general cargo, lying at Kowloon Wharf.—Dollar S.S. Line.

## CLEARANCES.

February 18th.

*Anhui*, for Amoy.  
*Antiochus*, for Singapore.  
*Bandoeng Maru*, for Batavia.  
*Derwent*, for Amoy.  
*Hin Sang*, for Sandakan.  
*Kaga Maru*, for Shanghai.  
*Kuruma*, for Singapore.  
*New Mathilde*, for Haiphong.  
*President Taft*, for Manila.  
*Siboga Maru*, for San Francisco.

## PASSENGERS.

## ARRIVALS.

For Dollar liner *President Taft*, from San Francisco and Honolulu via ports, on February 18th:—Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Bauman and three children. Mr. A. H. Boyd, Mr. Y. T. Chan, Mr. J. W. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. Choy Ping, Madam M. de Courthial, Mr. Choy Yung, Mr. A. R. Davies, Mr. and Mrs. L. Hampton and son, Mrs. E. S. Humphries, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hunt, Mr. G. S. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Mackenzie, Mr. Lam Ling Yung, Mr. G. Mackenzie, Mr. Ng Ping Chit, Madam G. Nadeau, Mr. Ting Kan Wen, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Wallis, Mrs. Geo. Amberg, Mr. Roy C. Bennett, Mr. L. Bush, Mr. C. A. Baboud, Mr. and Mrs. L. Fishbeck, Miss R. Fishbeck, Mr. J. R. Horman, Mr. E. K. Heyler, Mr. J. T. Kinney, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Lewery, Mrs. R. Mackinley, Mr. R. B. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. G. Wrennon, Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Ogden, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. M. Perine, Mr. L. E. Russell, Mr. J. D. Riddell, Mr. F. H. Steele, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Vorster, Miss Hedda Vorster, Mr. A. A. Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Williams.

## DEPARTURES.

For R.M.S. *Empress of Australia*, on February 19th:—Mr. G. M. Alford, Mr. and Mrs. A. Annetts, Mr. G. W. Archer, Mrs. M. Babushkina, Mrs. Hayley Bell, Mr. McCormick Blair, Mr. O. D. Blackburn, Mr. A. R. Binko, Mr. M. W. Bull, Mr. Bob Yiu Siong, Mr. E. Brins, Mr. J. P. Bourne, Mr. W. R. Buckberrough, Mr. H. Burgess, Mr. C. O. Chan, Mr. Chin K. Hui, Mr. W. H. Choy, Mrs. Clark, Mr. W. R. Cothran, Mr. L. Cowlishaw, Mr. and Mrs. O. Cumming, Mr. C. L. Cumming, Mr. A. H. Ewan, Mr. J. B. Ferrier, Mr. D. Finkler, Mrs. Goldring, Mr. H. Hayim, Mr. and Mrs. V. E. Henderson, Mr. Ip Kwan, Mrs. Jones, Mr. Louis Jorm, Mrs. C. Kew, Mr. M. K. Khaloel, Mr. and Mrs. Kwong King Shin, Mr. Lee Kee, Mr. P. N. Siu, Mr. R. G. MacDonald, Mr. H. R. Malcolm, Mr. A. E. Moret, Miss E. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. K. W. Mounsey, Miss Mounsey, Mr. G. Munro, Mr. K. Murdoch, Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Murray, Mr. A. Nemusa, Mr. L. Farbury, Mr. J. F. Piller, Mr. A. M. Preston, Mr. M. A. Hazack, Mrs. E. Shih, Mr. and Mrs. Siu Kiu, Mr. Siu Kong, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Sparks, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Stewart, Mr. Tai Su Ling, Mr. Tjoa Tek Bio, Mr. Tai Chen, Mr. M. B. Tyler, Mr. Wong Po Lim, and Mr. Wong Sink Sum.

## SHIPPING NOTES.

The s.s. *Hunan*, which was towed into port on Thursday night by the Taikoo tug, is now discharging her cargo, on the completion of which she is to be put on the slipway for examination. While it is not anticipated that her damage amounts to much through her grounding in the Hainan Straits, nevertheless the boilers have been moved out of position through the ship touching the bottom. The *Taming* which came back with the *Hunan* will take a cargo of cement to the North. The *Kwaiyang*, the other vessel stranded at the same time as the *Hunan* is, also going into dock, as previously mentioned.

There is no change to report with regard to the stranded O.S.K. *Altai Maru* in the Fu Tau Mun Pass and the *Suma Maru*, belonging to the same line, which is aground near Swatow. Divers have examined the bottom of the former steamer and a second Japanese tug is expected to assist the one now on the spot. Another tug is also expected to reach the *Suma Maru*.

The number of deck passengers entered for the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday only came to five.

The first German steamer to visit Siamese waters since the war was the H.A.L. *Friedland*, a new motor ship of 6,600 tons gross, built by Blohm and Voss. The *Friedland* came to Kohsiang, to load 6,000 tons rice for Rotterdam and Hamburg, and hoped to sail before Chinese New Year.

## HONGKONG SHIPPING.

Yesterday's shipping statement showed that the number of vessels in the harbour at 9 a.m. was 75, of which 37 were British.

The arrivals for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday numbered six, viz., three British, one French, one Dutch and one Japanese. The departures over the same period came to thirteen; with six departures.

## CARGO ENTERED.

(During 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday.)

For Hongkong ..... 2,750 tons.  
For ports beyond ..... 12,045 ..  
Total ..... 14,795

(During previous 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. on Thursday.)

For Hongkong ..... 8,851 tons.  
For ports beyond ..... 34,225 ..  
Total ..... 43,076

Of the cargo entered for Hongkong, no less than 2,082 tons of the total entry was carried by British vessels, the heaviest entry being a British vessel with 1,581 tons, and the remainder being all under 1,000 tons.

The arrivals for the twenty-four hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were as under: The s.s. *Kuruma* (British) from Yokohama and Shanghai with 11 tons of general cargo, mail and 2,027 tons for ports beyond; the s.s. *Taming* (British) with 500 tons of rice and 300 tons of cement for ports beyond; the s.s. *Chihua* (British) from Bangkok and Koh Si Chang with 158 tons of rice, timber and general cargo and mail; the s.s. *Portia* (French) from Marseilles and Saigon with 184 tons of general cargo, mail and 1,030 tons for ports beyond; the s.s. *Zuane* (Dutch) from Bremen and Manila with 337 tons of general cargo, mail and 6,638 tons for ports beyond and the s.s. *Ginga Maru* (Japanese) from Valparaiso and Nagasaki with 127 tons of general cargo and mail.

Later arrivals, too late for entry in the above returns, included the s.s. *President Taft* (American) from San Francisco and Shanghai with 1,459 tons of general cargo, mail and 3,310 tons for ports beyond; the s.s. *Gyama Maru* (Japanese) from Dairen and the s.s. *Antiochus* (British) from Yokohama and Shanghai with two tons of general cargo and 1,062 tons for ports beyond.

## CHINA COAST CHANGES.

The following are the latest China Coast changes:—

Mr. F. Hellett, has signed off the *Tyndareus* as 3rd engineer.  
Mr. J. E. Hargreaves, has signed off the *Telemachus* as 3rd engineer and has gone 3rd engineer of the *Tyndareus*.  
Mr. C. M. Bona, has signed off the *Lee Sang* as 1st mate and has gone 1st mate of the *Kut Sang*.  
Mr. W. C. Exell, has signed off 3rd mate of the *Hop Sang* and has gone 3rd mate of the *Kut Sang*.  
Mr. L. Mundy, *Kut Sang*, has gone 3rd mate of the *Hop Sang*.  
Mr. E. Robinson, *Talma*, has gone supernumerary 4th mate of the *Tilawa*.  
Mr. V. McJiddell, has signed off as master of the *Talma* and has gone master of the *Kut Sang*.  
Mr. J. B. Stewart, has signed off as 2nd mate of the *Lee Sang* and has gone 2nd mate of the *Kut Sang*.  
Messrs. A. W. Barclay, D. C. Phillips, A. E. Glass and E. W. Coxon, have signed off as 1st, 2nd, 4th and supernumerary engineers of the *Lee Sang* and have joined the *Kut Sang* in the same capacities.  
Mr. B. C. Finch, has signed off the *Shochoo* as 2nd mate and has gone 1st mate of the *Kiangnan*.  
Messrs. R. J. Sueddon, L. S. Mundy and J. Fowles, have signed off the *Kut Sang* as 1st mate, 3rd mate and 3rd engineers respectively.  
Mr. G. R. Drew, *Taihan*, has proceeded Home as 3rd mate of the *Pembroke*.  
Mr. James Sinclair, *Kwaiyang*, has gone 1st engineer of the *Kiangnan*.  
Mr. C. Faiper, has signed off the *Suiyang* as 3rd engineer.  
Mr. J. Cumby, *Chenian*, has gone 3rd engineer of the *Suiyang*.  
Mr. S. O. Mitford, has signed off as master of the *Suiyang*.  
Mr. A. D. Keenan, *Hin Sang*, has gone master of the *Sui Sang*.  
Mr. T. E. Rees, *Moise*, has gone 2nd mate of the *Kwangchow*.  
Mr. R. H. Watt, *Yu Sang*, has gone supernumerary 4th engineer of the *Sui Sang*.  
Mr. G. A. J. Morse, has signed off the *Kiangnan* as master.  
Mr. G. Dyers, has signed off the *Kwangtung* as master and has gone master of the *Kiangnan*.  
Mr. B. W. Minshel and Mr. R. Russell, have signed off the *Sui Sang* as 3rd and 4th engineers respectively.  
Mr. J. Morgan and Mr. J. Webster, *Tung Shing*, have gone supernumerary 1st mate and extra 3rd mate respectively of the *Sui Sang*.  
Mr. L. Foxall, *Kanchow*, has gone 2nd mate of the *Chihli*.

## SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Asia* arrived at Yokohama on February 19th at 8.30 a.m., leaves at midnight, and is due at Hongkong on February 27th.

## WITHIN CALL.

The following vessels are expected to be in wireless communication with Hongkong to-day:—

*Kliva*, *Macassar Maru*, *Kiangnan*, *Empress of Australia*, *Kaiyang*, *Bandoeng Maru*, *Pembroke*, *Sekow Maru*, *President Taft*, *Hin Sang*, *Sui Sang*, *Anhui*, *Tango Maru*, *Tilawa*, *Kut Sang*, *Tikharang*, *West Chopaka*, *Taiqua Maru*, *Devawongse*, *City of Lahore*.

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EMPRESS OF ASIA	Apr. 30	May 3	May 6	May 8	May 17
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EMPRESS OF RUSSIA	May 28	May 31	June 3	June 5	June 14
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HAKODATE MARU ... .. Friday, 5th Mar.

BUENOS AIRES via Singapore, Durban &amp; Cape Town, Delagoa Bay &amp; Algoa Bay.

KAMAKURA MARU ... .. Saturday, 27th Feb.

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WAKASA MARU ... .. Wednesday, 17th Feb.

PENANG MARU ... .. Tuesday, 2nd Mar.

CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang &amp; Rangoon.

OHLON MARU ... .. Tuesday, 23rd Feb.

RANGOON via Singapore &amp; Penang.

SHINSHI MARU ... .. Sunday, 21st Feb.

NAGASAKI, KOBE &amp; YOKOHAMA.

TANGO MARU ... .. Thursday, 18th Feb.

SHANGHAI, KOBE &amp; YOKOHAMA.

TOYOOKA MARU ... .. Friday, 19th Feb.

HAKOZAKI MARU ... .. Monday, 22nd Feb.

YAMAGATA MARU ... .. Monday, 22nd Feb.

TSUBUGA MARU ... .. Thursday, 25th Feb.

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s.s. "OOSTERK"	17th Apr.	"
s.s. "OUDERK"	15th May.	"

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s.s. "OOSTERK"	8th Mar.	1926
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FROM	PER	DATE
Europe via Suez letters & papers London, 21st, Jan. and Parcel 14th, Jan.	Khiva	20th Feb.
SHANGHAI and Europe via SIBERIA	City of Lahore	21st Feb.
STRAITS	Hakosaki Maru	22nd Feb.
JAPAN	Makura Maru	23rd Feb.
U.S.A., CANADA, JAPAN & SHANGHAI	Pres. Jefferson	24th Feb.

## OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR	PER	DATE
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & EUROPE via San Francisco—due San Francisco 13th March	Siberia Maru	Saturday, 20th, 9.15 A.M. Parcels Letters 10.00 A.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 20th March	Karmala	Reg. Letters 9.45 A.M. 10.30 A.M.
Hohow and Haiphong	Kaying	10.00 A.M.
Java via Batavia	Tikini	10.00 A.M.
Macao	Kinshan	1.15 P.M.
Shanghai & Japan	Khiva	2.30 P.M.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America & EUROPE via Victoria, B.C.—due Victoria, B.C. 13th March & EUROPE via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "Via Siberia" only)—Ship sails on Sunday, the 21st inst., at 5 p.m.	Fris McKinley	Parcels 3.00 P.M. Reg. Letters 4.15 P.M. 5.00 P.M.
Saigon	Confucius	5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kaijo Maru	Sunday, 21st, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Japan & EUROPE via Siberia (letters & postcards specially superscribed "via Siberia" only)	Hakosaki Maru	Monday, 22nd, 3.30 P.M.
Amoy	Chenau	5.00 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 24th March	Automedon	Tuesday, 23rd, 1.45 P.M. 2.30 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hoi Ying	2.00 P.M.
Wei Hai Wei	Kwanchow	2.30 P.M.
Shanghai	Tikini	5.00 P.M.
Amoy	Kwanchow	5.00 P.M.
Macle, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Is. 7th March	Makura Maru	Wednesday, 24th, 8.45 A.M. 9.30 A.M. 10.30 A.M.
Shanghai	Fatsan	10.30 A.M.
Japan & Honolulu	Ginjo Maru	10.30 A.M.
Bangkok	A steamer	2.30 P.M.
Swatow	Lina	Thursday, 25th, 9.30 A.M. Noon
Straits & Calcutta	Yuenwang	Parcels Letters 1.00 P.M.
Hohow	Mingyang	Friday, 26th, 8.30 A.M. 10.30 A.M.
Haiphong and Saigon	Kwanchow	10.30 A.M.
Shanghai	Seachuen	Saturday, 27th, 2.30 P.M.
Shanghai	Kanchow	Sunday, 28th, 9.00 A.M.

\*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

## COMMERCIAL.

## OPENING QUOTATIONS.

February 18th, 1926.	
ON LONDON.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	2/4
Bank Bills, on demand	2/4 5/16
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	2/4
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	2/4
Credits, at 4 months' sight	2/5 5/16
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	2/5 7/16
ON PARIS.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	1,590
Credits, 4 months' sight	1,680
ON NEW YORK.—	
Bank Bills, on demand	57 1/2
Credits, at 30 days' sight	58 1/2
ON BOMBAY.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	155 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	155 1/2
ON CALCUTTA.—	
Telegraphic Transfer	155 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	155 1/2
ON SHANGHAI.—	
Bank Bills, at sight	nom.
Private, 30 days' sight	nom.
ON YOKOHAMA.—	
On demand	122 1/2
ON MANILA.—	
On demand	114 1/2
ON SINGAPORE.—	
On demand	141 1/2
ON BATAVIA.—	
On demand	nom.
ON RAJAHMUNDRAM.—	
On demand	nom.
ON BANGKOK.—	
On demand	79 1/2
SOVEREIGN, Bank's Buying rate	85.27
Gold Leaf, 100 fine, per tael	80 1/2
BAR SILVER, per oz.	80 1/2

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Hongkong, 19th May, 1925. [25]

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Hongkong, 7th January, 1925. [25]

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Hongkong, April 16th, 1925. [26]

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J. B. ROSS, Acting Manager.  
7, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, April 17th, 1925. [26]

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A. BOLLIN, Manager.  
Hongkong, 1st December, 1925. [26]

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